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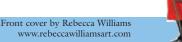
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And what better way to celebrate a bigger and better Resident than an issue devoted to Christmas. I refuse to be

a Scrooge about our annual winter knees-up. I don't really care a fig for all the consumerism and TV ads starting in August but give me a mince pie, a Christmas carol (sung properly!) and a family gathering and I'm a happy lady.

To get the festive fun going, we have a round up of the best carol services in the area on page 15, plus other seasonal events in our diary on page 13. For some inspirational Christmas decorations, have a look at page 26 and our gift guides for him, her and the nippers start on page 32.

Isabel Dexter escaped the last-minute crowds on Oxford Street and headed to **Barcelona** for her Christmas shopping this year where she discovered all sorts of wonderful boutiques, markets and hidden shops. Read her guide to the Catalan capital on page 69.

One of the biggest problems posed by the season of goodwill is what to wear to all those parties. I'm much troubled by this particular issue so I set out to find help with a **dress to impress** on page 28. And on page 89, uber party-planner and local businesswoman **Therese Mayhew** sets out her top tips for a great Christmas celebration.

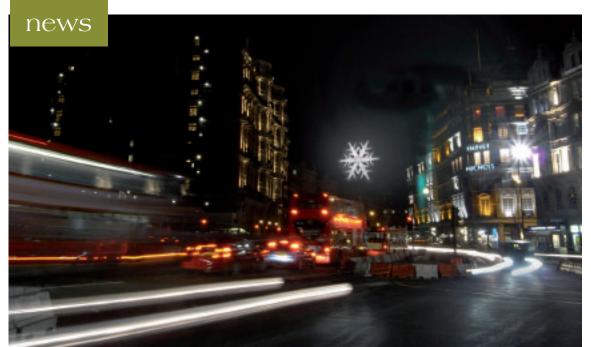
Julian Barrow is one of Chelsea's most respected artists. Rose Bateman had the privilege of meeting him in his sublime Tite Street studio to discuss his life, work and travels. Read more on page 22.

I must make a special acknowledgement to those lovely people at super-smart choccie company **Neuhaus**. They sustained The Resident team as we toiled on our long press days with some fantastic chocolates. So thank you, they were delicious.

I hope you enjoy this issue and wish each and every one of you a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Amand

Amanda Constance Editor



LET IT SNOW

Expensive, heavy and huge -Knightsbridge is to get its first-ever Christmas decoration and it's very much in keeping with the area's reputation for all things de trop. The five-metre wide crystal snowflake weighs the same as a large Bentley and cost £200,000. The brainchild of the Knightsbridge Business Group and created by leading lighting designer Ingo Maurer in association with Swarovski, the illuminated snowflake will be unveiled in early December and hang between Harvey Nichols and the Mandarin Oriental Hyde Park. And quite tasteful it is, too.

roundup



A GOOD CAUSE

With a passionate ambition to provide a voice to RBK&C taxpayers, local resident and founder of the international public relations group Financial Dynamics, Justin Downes, has launched Residents First. Downes manifesto is to field carefully chosen and experienced candidates in selected wards in 2010.

"I am delighted with the positive response we have received from residents and the interest shown in what we are trying to achieve from those non-council bodies who represent local taxpayers," Downes said.

"We will carry on this important part of the development process by talking and listening and then reflecting those views. Sloane Square was an example where the will of the people had to struggle hard to overcome a council determined to get its own way." Downes plans to continue this campaign, "another example is the proposal to redevelop the road systems at South Kensington and Exhibition Road where not a word was said about whether taxpayers wished this to be done." Hopefully, Residents First will be able to introduce a different dimension to the debate by giving RBK&C taxpayers their voice back.

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PORTOBELLO VS. WESTFIELD

Portobello stallholders are so worried about the effect of the new Westfield shopping mall in nearby Shepherd's Bush that they have produced a poster showing the diversity of the famous market and invoking customers to stay loyal to the area. Tim Burke, spokesman for Friends of Portobello, said: "We want to celebrate what we already have. We want the public to be thinking not about this great retail 'blob' but what's around it." There are concerns further afield, too. Shop owners in Kensington Church Street are also worried. Boyana Vickery, manager of Caro Cuore, a lingerie shop said: "With the credit crunch things are in a bad way anyway and this will also have an effect on us."



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BROMPTON ORATORY

7.30pm, 22 December

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The London Oratory, Brompton Road, SW7 2RP

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or www.breastcancercare.org.uk/carols St Paul's Church, 32a Wilton Place, SW1X 8SH

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7pm, 3 December

The Asthma UK carol service is now in its fourth year. With singing from the Westminster Under School Choir and readings by Jeremy Bowen, Peter Bowles, Joanna David and Susannah York.

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Chelsea girl

...on embracing a credit-crunch Christmas

We must do all we can to help our men through such tough times." Serious City Wife looked at me seriously. "That sounds very World War II," I replied. "Bringing succour to our brave heroes. What did women do in World War II?" "Made omelettes with powdered egg and had affairs with American servicemen." (My friend may have got her history from Richard Gere in Yanks.) I was alarmed. "Omelettes yes. But if you expect me to sleep with redundant US bankers to boost morale, forget it!" Yet she started me thinking about how we can cheer ourselves and each other - up. "You're doing what?" asked my husband. "Writing about how to have a happy Christmas without spending a lot of money." I said, a touch defensively. "And not spending money is something you know how to do?" he asked, departing. "Just don't start to count shoes!" I called after him.

Whenever my husband wants the moral highground or to be annoying (often the same thing) he starts to count my shoes. "181...182... Oh, new pair of Gucci slingbacks? 183..." However, unlike most people advising

Unlike most people passing up a pair of Prada advising know how passing up a pair review assets. Any Chelsea girl worth her designer Hawaiian red of Prada snakeskin salt has more than enough platforms can be

economy, I know how hard **economy,** snakeskin platforms can be. OK we all know we can't hard seriously acquire now, so let's clothes, shoes and handbags (not to mention invites to sample

sales and clothes-swapping parties) to outlast any mere credit crunch. Black is in this winter? The closets of Chelsea are murky with it. Fringed handbags? I rooted around in my cupboards and unearthed a fringed Moschino bag from when Madonna was still plump. Having to choose what you really love rather than buy it all is what makes you

stylish rather than just someone with a lot of clothes.

"Elegance is refusal", as Diana Vreeland said and there's no better time than now to start being elegant. Think of the time freed up by not shopping... You could go to an art gallery, start painting, walk in the park in the wintry sunshine, listen to all those songs you last played as a student. Strangely high numbers of once-ruthless City women seem to be studying garden design. And if you're not giving your children for Christmas the Marni kids' cashmere, the iPods, the £200 replica Vespas, the day and the night nannies, you could give them your time which could be a whole lot nicer for you all. Finding out who wants to sit in your sitting room if you can't, after all, get Nicky Haslam to revamp it this year or who'll have lunch with you at home rather than at Cipriani may just be the easy way of finding out who your friends really are. Increasingly now, invites to girls' lunches are to lunch at home and oh!, the surprising relief of not having to censor your gossip because somebody's ex is sitting two tables away. Having friends, whose cooking used to consist of instructing the housekeeper now rustle up soup themselves, consulting pristine copies of Nigella in the nervous way you do Ikea flatpack self-assembly instructions is strangely touching. So this Christmas, lie in bed eating chocolates more, love the people around you more, take your kids to the zoo, relax... I'm off to count my blessings - and my shoes.





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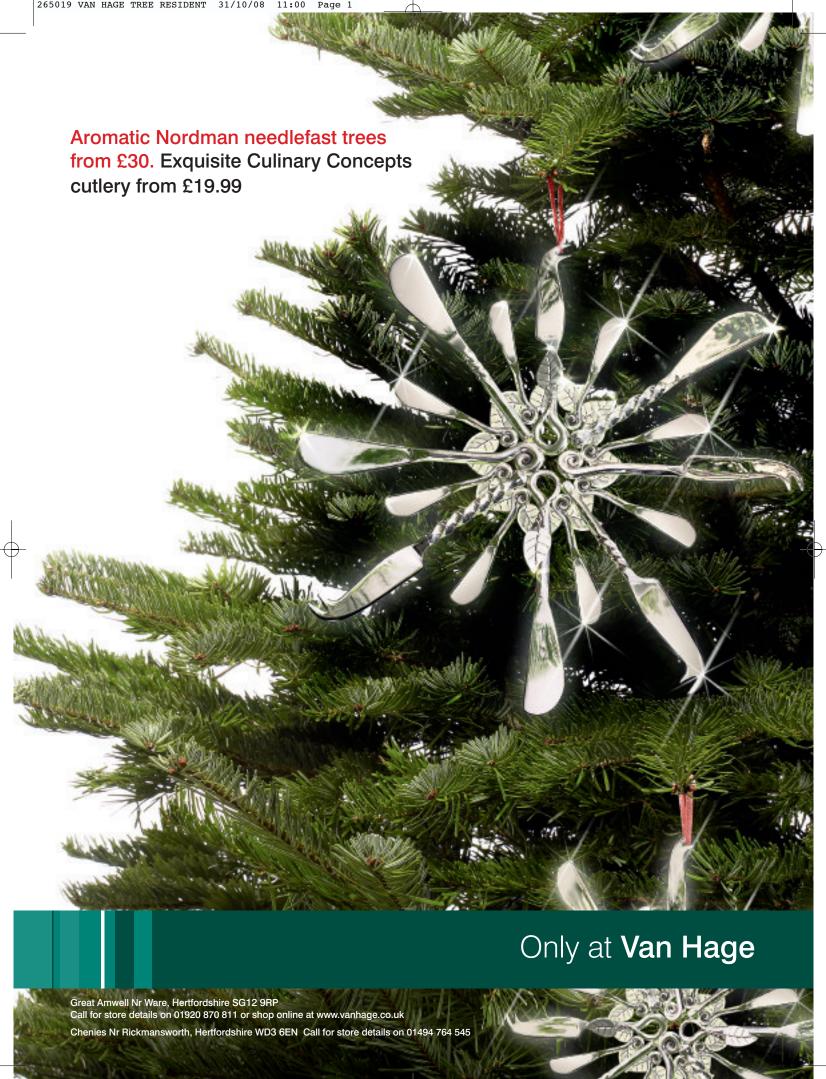




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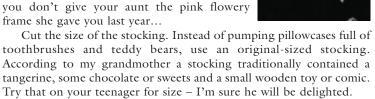
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GUIDE TO CHIQUETTE

his Christmas should technically be the leanest we have seen in a decade. Sky News reports that we are to spend £1 billion less this year on Christmas presents. Perhaps we should swap our expensive presents for old-fashioned pomanders (oranges studded with cloves), homemade marmalade (hooray for the WI) or even the re-opening of the dreaded present cupboard. A fine euphemism for unwanted presents if ever I heard of one. Just make sure you don't give your aunt the pink flowery frame she gave you last year...



There are some very original present ideas for a truly credit crunch Christmas. A leading firm of cosmetic and reconstructive dentists called 'Dentexcel' treat grinding teeth. At some point in our lives, 90 per cent of us will gnash our teeth but apparently there has been a

If you listen very carefully at night you can hear teeth crunching all over the Royal Borough

sharp increase in the wake of the credit crunch particularly amongst city workers. In fact, if you listen very carefully at 1am, you can hear teeth crunching all over the Royal Borough.

If you are spending Christmas with someone

who has lost their job in the recent financial downturn, try not to bring up the 'crunch'. It is the last thing he or she will want to discuss over a glass of mulled wine. For one day of the year, allow them to forget about their woes. Instead of slipping a $\pounds 10$ note into their Christmas card (which barely buys a sandwich these days) why not get them a book token. If they are out of a job, they may like to wile away the hours in Daunt Books on the Fulham Road.

On the continent each member of the family is responsible for buying one other person in the family a present. So instead of having to fork out for eight presents, he only has to buy one. Sounds like a marvellous idea. Another cost saving tip is to ditch the Christmas drinks party and go to the pub instead. If a turkey seems a bit extravagant, a chicken will do nicely instead.

Don't bother sending Christmas cards to people you see frequently. The cost of a card and a stamp is around 75p. Send an e-Christmas card and donate the money to charity. A charity calendar is a perfect present in lean times. 'Lords, Ladies and Gamekeepers' is sold for £10 in aid of Game Keeper Welfare. Much better than a cheese sandwich. Happy Christmas!

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You"ll starve in a garret" remonstrated Julian Barrow's father at his Harroweducated son's insistence on becoming an artist. Fifty-odd years later, any paternal premonitions have been rendered redundant. On an Arctic November morning, we are installed in the artist's capacious Tite Street top-floor studio with its vast easterly-facing windows, which gaze directly upon The Royal Hospital, a painterly prospect par excellence. Corduroy-clad Barrow offers me a smorgasbord of warming brews ("Tea? Coffee? Soup?") as he walks me through the collection of London, New York and Italian-inspired paintings that will go on show as part of Travelling Light, his forthcoming exhibition at the Fine Art Society.

Julian Barrow is neither starving nor living in a hovel, for while we may be in the loft, this is no garret; it is the second of two yawning great studios he works from, while the flat he shares with Serena, his wife of 37 years, is just below.

"I've been very lucky," says a demure Barrow, who routinely references providence

'Are you taking your

paint box with you?'

can you imagine me

going anywhere

without my paint box?

with regard to his trajectory. Some may When I travel people say call it luck, others would credit his prodigious talent, but either way, Tite Street Studios' incumbent What an idiotic question creative follows in a tradition distinguished artists to have been inspired here; preceding him were Whistler, John

Singer Sargent and Augustus John. And Barrow is full of both admiration and stories of his legendary antecedents. Whistler actually built the house next door. He sued John Ruskin for libel after the latter accused him of "flinging a pot of paint in the public's face", won the case but was only awarded one farthing, having spent £2,000 on it. He left England, broke. When he came back someone had moved into his house, so he lived in the ground floor studio here, saying: "Well, here I am living next door to myself." Others who have graced these hallowed rooms over the years include Field Marshall Montgomery, who was most censorious of Augustus John, his portrait painter ("He said 'who's this man drawing me? He drinks, he's dirty and there are women in the background,"" recounts Barrow with glee), and all six of those indomitably high-spirited Mitford girls who, too, had their portraits painted by Augustus John. "And of course," says Barrow, "Whistler and Sargent would have known Oscar Wilde, who lived across the street."

Today the studio is littered with remnants of

its departed ghosts; a 400-year-old Italian golden archway bought by Sargent here, an Augustus John sketch there - all amid the perennially sun-bathed and dreamily rendered Julian Barrow paintings which charmingly crowd the walls, and recall a lifetime of journeys to the Middle East, India, New York and Italy. But it was, perhaps his early sojourn in Ireland that moulded this plein-air painter who continues to exhibit prolifically; having been told by his tutor at the Bristol art school he attended briefly that "you don't come to art school to become a bloody portrait painter." He decamped to London where he worked as a picture restorer at the National Gallery before being sent in 1959 to Ireland to work on paintings at a beautiful country house called Mount Congreave. "After I finished my work, I painted the house and gave the picture to the owner. He looked at it, and said: 'If you paint the other side, I'll pay you £25'. It seemed a huge amount." Thus he took his first steps towards becoming the celebrated architectural

painter he is today.

Talking to this quiet but captivating raconteur, transpires though he always knew he wanted to be an artist, a great deal of his trajectory has been a series of accidents. happy After receiving that first in a string of

now innumerable country house commissions he was all set to descend upon Paris's Academie Julien for a more formal training when a friend recommended Florence instead; with that, he upped sticks and was soon training under the legendary Annigoni in the mornings and Signorina Simi in the afternoons for some four years. The move marked the beginning of years of travel, and a love affair with Italy that hasn't wavered.

His next artistic sortie was to Jerusalem in 1965, where he had been commissioned to paint the portrait of an Anglican bishop; the catch which he discovered only once he had finished was that he would receive payment upon delivery to the church offices in London. " I was panic-stricken. I didn't have the money to get home, so the bishop suggested a little exhibition. His friends came and bought the landscapes I had been painting in my spare time." And with that ad hoc and successful show, Julian Barrow the exhibitor was born.

That same year, he bought the Tite Street studio and was visited by an American dealer who at once invited him to exhibit in New York. Barrow accepted and for the remainder of the 1960s, didn't look back. He enjoyed the bohemian vibe of the city, met Warhol ("only once in a bar - I shook his hand, just to say I had met Warhol"), rented out his London studio - almost to Francis Bacon who changed his mind at the eleventh hour - and most importantly met his wife, Serena, with whom he has two grown up daughters (one an Oxford PhD student in palaeontology, the other an artist).

The couple has travelled exhaustively around the world, though after the children were born, Barrow largely went alone. "It's wonderful that being a painter, you can go to all these places and work immediately. Sometimes people say to me, 'ah you're going on holiday - are you taking your paint box with you?' I say, WHAT? What an idiotic question, can you imagine me going anywhere without my paint box?"

A stroll around his studio feels like a world tour. One minute you are immersed in haunting melancholic Venetian beauty, the next he is pointing out scenes from Sanaa, Yemen's capital - his most memorable trip to date. "At 7am, I went into the central square, and that was one of the most extraordinary experiences. It was just like stepping back 500 years. Hardly a car in sight, camels, the market. I think they thought I was mad. Yemen is one of the only places in the Middle East that is still comparatively unspoiled. I couldn't go back to Dubai now the souk used to be the most wonderful place for painting but now it's a shopping centre."

But London - and specifically Chelsea remains his most favourite place of all although he does lament the lack of a good newsagent on the King's Road and the newly butchered interiors of Foxtrot Oscar, his local eatery of bygone days. But for Barrow, "having the river there is wonderful, and Albert Bridge is stunning, day or night, winter or summer.' On less wintry days, he can be found along its banks working at his easel, so if unlike the Queen or Prince Charles, you don't have a Julian Barrow in your own private collection, you can still catch him at work. Only note: don't be shy. "I was painting once in Bombay and so many people were watching me that we blocked the entire street," he tells me. "People come and creep up behind me and say: 'Do you mind if I watch?' and I say 'I mind if you don't watch!'"

Travelling Light, an exhibition of Julian Barrow's new work is at The Fine Art Society from 26 November-4 December. 148 New Bond Street, W1S 020 7629 5116, www.faslondon.com

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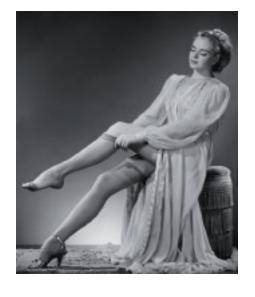
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Dress to impress

In a panic about what to wear to a Christmas party? **Amanda Constance** gets ready for festive-season frolics with a little local help



here are many things a modern woman has to worry about but most pale into insignificance when posed with that most vexatious question: What am I going to wear to the party? At this time of year, the issue of how to get dressed for a party is enough to induce waves of stomach-lurching panic. Christmas parties require just that bit more. A little more glitz, a shorter skirt, a much higher heel; you have to sparkle and nothing else will do. I have been to a few shindigs in my time, but I don't think I have ever approached a big one in a state of cool and calm. So this year I decided to nail my party preparation with professional precision.

First stop, the dress. No point worrying about anything else until you have bagged your prize. Step forward Penny James at Peter Jones. This wonderful woman is my new goddess of all things sartorial. She runs the fashion-advice service at Sloane Square's finest and, quite frankly, I'm rather miffed that I have been unaware of her existence for the last six years. During that time, James has been sending women out into the world with more confidence and much better clothes than they arrived with. And the joy is, it's free

to see her – simply phone up and book two hours of her time.

For this party season Peter Jones has launched 'Drop A Dress Size'. This means that you see both the lingerie lady and Penny James in tandem. The idea being that with a good bra, and a lot of lycra, you can shed

the pounds and look fabulous in the dress of your dreams.

James is warm and easy-going (there's no Trinny and Susannah bossiness here) and she knows her fashion. Within a heartheat of meeting

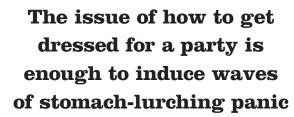
heartbeat of meeting she had me sized up, 'You're a 14 on top and a 12 down below'. Correct. We had a quick discussion about what I was looking for and when I told Penny that I was keen to move outside of my comfort zone she disappeared on to the shop floor with a glint in her eye.

I was then installed in an airy changing room where lingerie advisor Michelle Sayer got me into the right bra and some serious Spanx underwear. It is amazing how uplifting the right bra can be, in both senses of the word. All cinched up and sucked in I waited in a pair of stilettos for James to return with her booty. She appeared with two racks of party outfits to try on. What heaven! I suddenly felt like I'd been let loose in the best ever dressing-up box. Each outfit James had picked out had

been carefully considered for my shape and most I would never have tried on myself.

The first one I tried on

was a red Coast satin shift dress – grown up and very slinky – then I was whisked into a heavy black and gold vintage halter neck number from Phase Eight – amazing but not quite right for me. There were a couple more black frocks and then James picked up a sparkling sheath; a Jaeger black wool shift with scoop neck and three quarter sleeves, encrusted with sequins. The second I walked out of the changing room everyone said, 'That's it, that's your dress'. It was amazing. The combination of the cut and







the control underwear flattered me so much it was hard to believe it was me. And James didn't stop there, she chose shoes, earrings, a clutch; I left the shop in love with my find and knowing that I never need worry about getting dressed for a party again.

I now wanted some serious jewels to set off my dress beautifully. Chrissie Douglas of Coleman Douglas Pearls has been dressing Chelsea girls in pearls forever, so I visited her for some advice.

The CDP store on Beauchamp Place is like walking into a jewellery box with pearls of all colours, shapes and sizes on display. There is nothing Douglas doesn't know about these little gems from the sea and she immediately set about finding the ones for me. We started with the style; I had said I liked the classic three strand short necklace with a clasp, but Douglas said this was too old and staid a style for me. She felt a single strand of large pearls with a strand of smaller pearls, a la Breakfast at Tiffanys, would be better – and it was.

We then looked at colours. A yellow tone pearl just disappeared on my pale skin and very pink pearls were too shiny. The 'warm white' were perfect; they had an extraordinary quality against my skin and seemed to light up my face. This is the magic of pearls and why people pay for the real thing. It is all about the lustre, the shimmering iridescence created by the layers of nacre, the natural material that formed the pearl. Douglas advises never to compromise on the lustre when buying pearls; this is what gives you the magic glow.

Pearls do cost money – I was surprised how much – but I was also amazed at their inherent qualities. And as Douglas says, they are the ultimate in "inconspicuous consumption"... you know what your pearls are worth but no one else does.

Despite loving the white pearls, Douglas thought the blue/green tones of Tahitian pearls would suit my blue eyes. Douglas gave me a succession of necklaces, all of which she had designed, until we decided on a gem-quality

baby Tahitian pearl necklace in pistachio and pale green with sapphire briolettes, a snip at £3,740. It was beautiful, different and perfect for me. As I was entering fantasy land as far as the budget was concerned, we decided some diamond and Tahitian pearl earrings at £1,249 would complement my necklace just beautifully, and I left the shop with a swing in my step, knowing I was on my way to a knock-out outfit.

I now needed to think about smartening myself up a bit. I wanted my skin to glow as much as my sparkly new dress. The perfect excuse then, to visit the new Jo Malone treatment room on Sloane Street. The recently refurbished room opened a couple of months ago and it's gorgeous; a fairy chamber of tea lights, soft spotlights, a wallmounted fire and row-upon-row of Jo Malone bottles glowing amber and gold. Nothing has been spared to create a luxurious experience here, the room is a feast of exotic scent, the towels are thick, the robes are cashmere. And there can be no more indulgent pre-party treatment than the Vitamin E Body Treatment Scrub, (£125 for 90 mins). I put myself in the capable hands of specialist Emma Robertson who was trained by the great Jo Malone herself. Robertson started by giving me a full scrub from top-to-toe with the rich smelling Vitamin E Scrub. I then showered it all off with the help of some delicious Jo Malone shower gel, leaving my skin feeling wonderful, and returned for an all-over massage which was heavenly. Robertson used warmed Vitamin E Body treatment oil which she drizzled on my skin before skilfully massaging it in with great sweeping movements. She finished with a spritz of the fabled Lime Basil & Mandarin scent and I left the shop with my skin feeling smooth, supple and glowing.

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Laia Farran Graves on the hottest kit for men this winter

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One of the strongest looks this season is utilitarian, a reassuring (and warm) combo that evokes that rugged, all-American working man. Denim, plaid jackets, toggled overcoats and even jumpsuits made their way onto the catwalk. Marc Jacobs brought blue-collar to modern life by combining it with tailoring - front-zip army boots, pinstriped suits and big hooded coats; bulky nylon parkas and peacoats over checked shirts and tight knits - while John Varvatos's strong collection injected the same elements with a little attitude: trousers confidently rolled up, caps, heavy coats and endless scarves - all very rock'n'roll (both at Matches). If you're really prepared to jump on the workhorse, as it were, Zegna's checked jumpsuit - inspired by the Chinese work coveralls worn during Chairman Mao's regime - ticks all the boxes. For a high-street, and somewhat easier-to-wear, alternative, check out Diesel's Black Gold label (see right, crinkled lambskin hooded leather jacket, £640, and boots, from £220).

For those whose fashion roots are more

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Englishman Felt hat, £40, by Ted Baker

entrenched in an English aesthetic, it's time for your elbow-patched self to shine. The devil – as so often with men's fashion - is in the detail, but there's nothing understated about it. We loved Yves Saint Laurent's crushed velvet blazers and neckerchiefs, and coveted Lanvin's tailored collection - you could almost smell the Acqua di Parma wafting down the catwalk. D&G is right at home with this traditionalist look, as is Michael Kors who had his models don Buddy Holly-esque black-rimmed glasses and Fifties-style trilby hats. Timeless.

All too stitched up? Easily fixed: for warmth and comfort without an Ugg boot in sight, channel the laid-back elegance of oversized knits, fitted trousers and trench coats. This look conjures up a nostalgic, bohemian-gent vibe not out of place in your rural retreat. Play with patterns such as checks and paisley, and textures - wool, cashmere, corduroy - and top it off with a flat cap and fingerless gloves (see right) as seen in the recent Burberry show and big knitted scarves. To give this look a flamboyant twist, Alexander McQueen added sheepskin, animal prints and a stunning shawl selection a gentle reminder that winter doesn't need to mean black. If you're on a budget, go for any number of the great high-street Nordicstyle cardigans, so thick they can almost be worn as jackets. They are a little granddad, but you can swing it over slim-fit pants. remember to lay off Werther's Originals.





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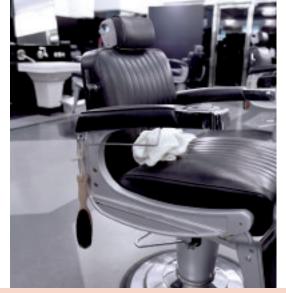
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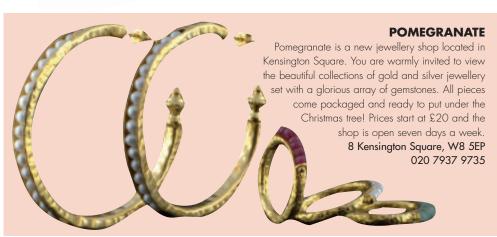
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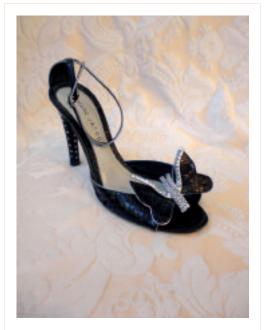




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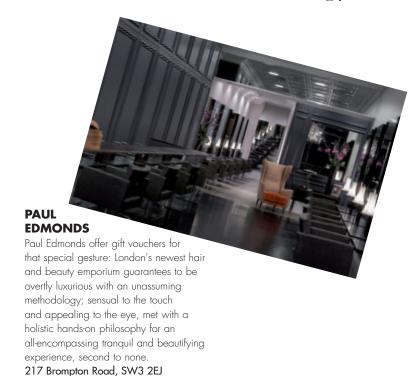


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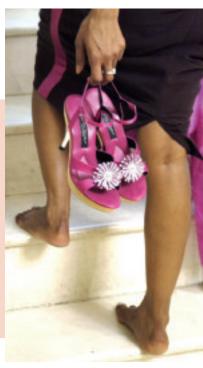
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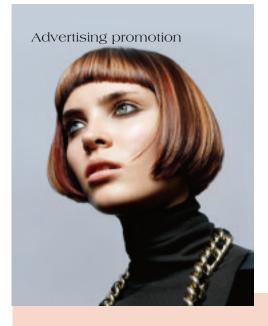
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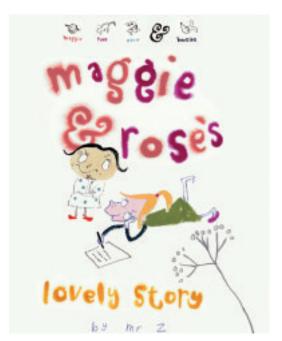


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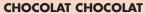


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hristmas is the time of the year when a sense of continuity and celebration at home is paramount, and there is one designer, Claudia Lewellen, who certainly appreciates that. Lewellen, the woman behind the fast-growing children's fabric and wallpaper company, Jill Northam London, fondly remembers her childhood celebrations at home in Knightsbridge, "with the table set using the best china, and my mother's beautifully

presents". wrapped So when she launched her company in early 2007, she was determined to add a limited-edition Christmas print every year. Last season, she had Family Christmas and Festive Friend made up into Christmas stockings, napkins and hot water bottle covers. This year, red always been there own-design gingham and stripes,

trimmed with red felt and silver, are available as padded hearts, oval tablemats and frilly cushions.

The success of Jill Northam London has taken Lewellen somewhat by surprise, as from small beginnings, and one debut fabric and wallpaper collection, she now has products going into multiple stores in Greece and Russia, not to mention trade shows which are frequently a sell-out. Yet Lewellen, who has two small children aged three and seven, shouldn't be too surprised. She has ample retail experience: she spent eight years as a buyer for companies like The Great Little Trading Company and Blooming Marvellous, followed by a marketing stint at Brora cashmere. More surprising, perhaps, is that Lewellen had managed to turn a lifelong passion for vintage textiles, into a full-blown business. "I've always collected and

loved antique fabrics," she says. "I wanted to create a collection that was nostalgic, and that would blend easily into people's homes." Her first collection featured nostalgic sailing boats, tiny rosebuds and giraffes, with toning checks and stripes, all in soft pastels.

Lewellen moved to Suffolk with her nascent company, and has already outgrown her premises and now employs four staff. "The original idea for the company – to create

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good quality fabrics, wallpapers and accessories that will last - still holds good," says Lewellen.

"I want my designs to feel as appropriate for a child's nursery as for a grown-up guest room." There is certainly a distinctive sense of nostalgia to the prints. One of them, called Child Island – inspired by the gaily-coloured beach huts

in Aldeburgh – has prompted Entertainment Rights and the Daily Express to commission her to create an anniversary revival print (due out next year) using some of the original Rupert Bear illustrations. Lewellen has even used the Rupert Bear checked trouser fabric as inspiration for a toning upholstery tweed.

Although Lewellen is based in Suffolk, she visits Chelsea on a weekly basis and her designs are in a number of local shops, from Pure Baby on the Fulham Road, to Blue Almonds on Walton Street. From December 2008, the newly revamped website will also be up and running. Running parallel to the furnishing and home accessories collections, Lewellen is also busy developing a bespoke side to the business. "Someone might come in to one of the Chelsea shops with a family heirloom moses basket and

want it re-upholstered or trimmed with one of our fabrics," she says. "It's inspiring to create unique and individual projects."

One of her first prints, called Ahoy, featured jaunty little boats in pale colours like blue and aqua, and proved an instant hit: not just with mothers decorating their babies' nurseries, but amongst shop keepers and hotels, stretching from Cowes to Aldeburgh.

Asked how she likes to work, Lewellen says that her designs are all quite instinctive. "I don't have a textile training - instead I studied for a music degree at London University - but I have a firm sense of what I want," she says. She does her designs pretty much by hand, onto acetate paper, and when complete these are eventually scanned onto a computer. Working closely with her Portuguese manufacturer, Lewellen will gather anything from flowers to reels of cotton in just the right shades, to get together her colour palette. "It's how people used to design in the past," she says. And so, it seems, is her philosophy for all the designs. "I wanted to recreate that wonderful feeling that you get from a family home, of familiarity and homeliness, as if something has always been there," she says. We think she's got that magic recipe just right.

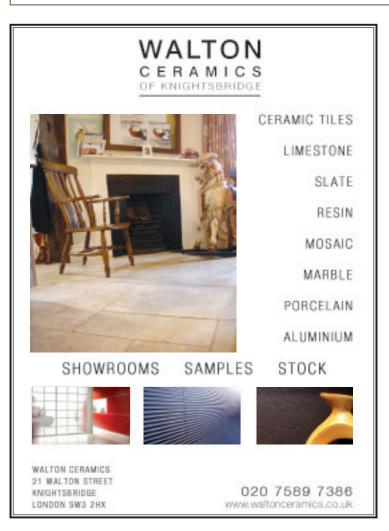




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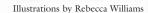


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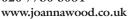






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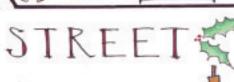


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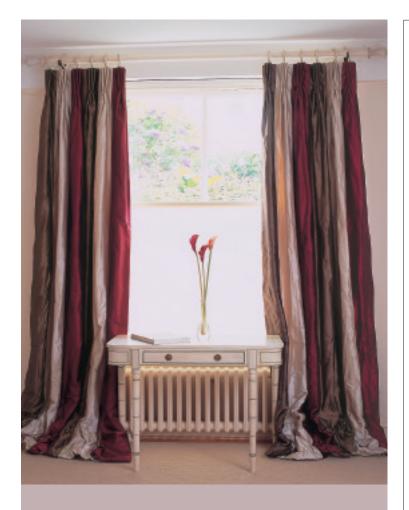
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Well read

If ever there was a year when we all truly need a Christmas break, this has to be it. And what better time to sit down with a book to provide complete distraction from one of the most tumultuous periods of our 20th-century lives.

Start with *What is Myrrh Anyway*, Jonathan Green (Icon Books, £6.99), an explanation of all things cultural, historical, scientific and musical relating to Christmas; at least you'll then know what you are supposed to be celebrating and why, and whether or not Father Christmas really was invented by Coco-Cola.

Broadening your approach, if you want to achieve an understanding of the rackety year behind us, you might like *Planet Google*, Randall Stross (Atlantic Books, £16.99), a business professor's analysis of this fantastically enabling yet half-sinister presence in all our lives. Will Google succeed in being the 'onestop' destination for all our information needs? And do we want it to?

The answer to that question might lie in the pages of *Future Files*, Richard Watson (Nicholas Brearley Books, £12.99), as the author, a 'futurist' who has advised governments and businesses for more than 20 years, gives us his predictions for how the world might change by 2050; it'll certainly beat Russell Grant!

A brilliant and erudite historical perspective comes from Niall Ferguson in The Ascent of Money (Penguin Press, £19.99), in which he gives a frighteningly prescient insight into the way in which money has come to shape our lives and our commercial and political activities.

Further thoughts on why we we're in 'the state we're in' might be fuelled by Edward Stourton's funny and perceptive It's a PC World (Hodder, £14.99), in which the Radio Four presenter offers his trademark understated wisdom on how political correctness can obscure and fuel prejudice, leading society into ever more arcane and dangerous positions, where office parties are held without wine for fear of offending the one Muslim member of staff. True prejudice, as Stourton was shocked to hear in a conversation with Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother, is utterly deplorable and cannot be covered up by words alone; essential reading for a clear-headed start to the New Year.

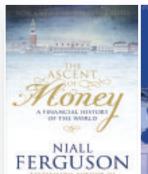
A further, curious, insight is offered from another, much more unlikely, source – Barbara Cartland: a very charming re-issue of her *Guide to Etiquette* (Random House, £9.99) is full of all the usual stuff about the horrors of 'serviettes' and 'toilets', but much more interesting stuff too about adapting to the modern world and working out the true importance of good manners – which is consideration for others, not the direction you pass the port in.

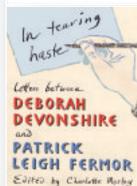
The more practically minded can get a reality fix by turning to the pages of *The Frugal Cook*, Fiona Beckett (Absolute Press, £14.99) – you will imbue the knowledge and the energy to create much more than a dried-out turkey and rice number from the Christmas leftovers. Hers is an instantly inspiring guide to delicious food whipped up from nothing more than common sense and a food-lover's instinct.

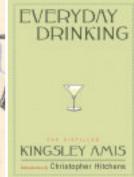
However, if you've simply had enough of reality, why not escape into reading about an age long past? Lucy Moore's Anything Goes (Atlantic, £19.99) describes the years between the end of the Great War and the Wall Street of the 1930s - the innovation and social change was exhilarating but slightly otherworldly, and there was always a feeling that the good times couldn't last for ever certainly parallels there to be learned from. Much closer in time, but still redolent of a world now vanished, are the letters between Deborah Devonshire and Paddy Leigh-Fermor, In Tearing Haste (John Murray, the former writing her inimitable Mitford style about life at Chatsworth to the intellectual, gentlemanly Leigh-Fermor on adopted Greek island.

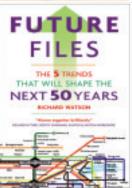
If all else fails and you need to be reassured that you aren't the only one to have had a disconcerting year, buy a copy of Martin Rowson's guide to the human condition in *Fuck: The Human Odyssey* (£16.99, Random House), which should make you laugh out loud; and if that doesn't work, then settle down with a large glass and a copy of the erudite and charming guide to *Everyday Drinking* by Kingsley Amis, a treasure trove of anecdotes and allusions, information and polemic on the demon drink. It might certainly be an excuse for another large one.

Happy Christmas.

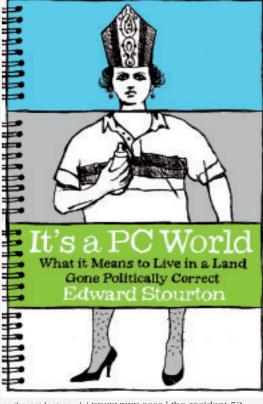












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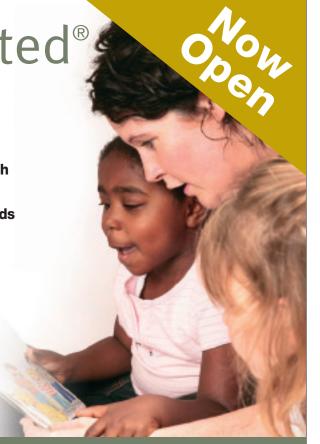
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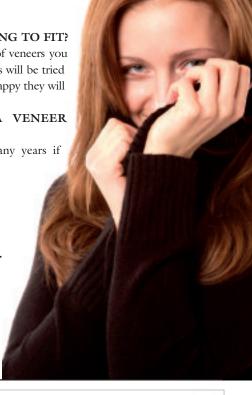
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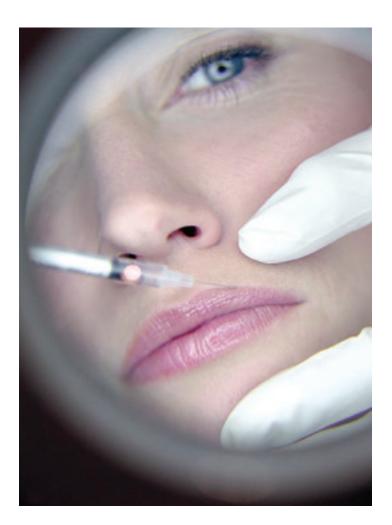
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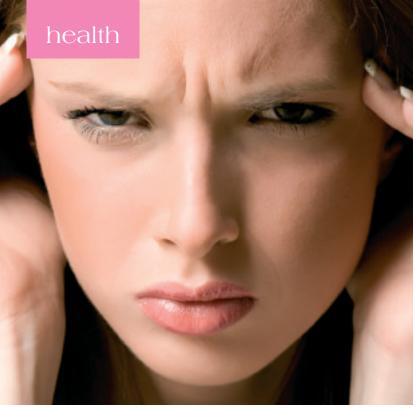
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Seasonal survival

The festive party circuit can play havoc with our wellbeing – **Lydia Williams** looks at ways to limit the damage

retyone seems to have their own triedand-tested recovery method to combat a night of excess: hair of the dog, a pint of water before bed... But why do we have to rely on recovery methods to get us through the party season? Harnessing local health and beauty experts, this smart girl's guide should keep you clear-headed until the New Year.

FOREWARNED IS FOREARMED

"Keep the stomach lined before going out, especially if you are going for drinks straight from the office," says nutritional therapist Sarah Carolides from the Westover Clinic, Westbourne Grove. "Carry a bag of mixed, unsalted nuts in your handbag – Brazil nuts, walnuts, almonds and cashews – and have a handful before drinking any alcohol. Protein and essential fats slow down alcohol absorption and keep blood sugar levels steadier." Eating before heading out also limits the risk of buffet-table grazing.

PARTY TIME

"Start the day with a really good nut, seed and rice-milk smoothie. An immune-boosting supplement containing B vitamins and vitamin C will help keep energy levels up, too," suggests Carolides. "The safe drinking guidelines remain 14 units a week for women; 21 units a week for men," adds Dr Carolyn Barshall, also from the Westover. One 125ml glass of champagne is 1.5 units, while a gin and tonic is almost two. Keep a tally of your drinks and always get a fresh glass, not a topup, to keep a realistic count of your intake. "Drinking water in between glasses of wine is also helpful," Barshall suggests. To survive the party season with your dress size intact, be canapé-savvy. "Sushi is great if you're sure it's fresh. Stay away from anything with mayonnaise or that looks deep fried,"

Carolides suggests. Alcoholic drinks are full of "empty calories" – there's a reason regular party girls opt for a glass of bubbly: a glass of champagne is 89kcals, while a large glass of wine (250ml) is around 155kcals.

THE MORNING AFTER...

"Dark circles, dry grey skin, premature ageing, puffy eyes and breakouts from excess toxins - hungover skin is not pretty," says Caroline Frazer, celebrity make-up artist and skincare expert at Simple. "Drink two litres of water a day to keep skin hydrated and spray mineral water on your face regularly to reinforce hydration." A pint of water before you hit the sack will help fire up the detox process and kick start your re-hydration. Take the time to remove make-up fully and massage a creamy cleanser into your skin, which will increase blood circulation. "It really does give an immediate radiance to your skin," according to Frazer. Late nights show first around the eyes, so "use an eye cream twice daily and pat it into the skin around your eyes with your ring finger: this will increase lymphatic circulation and reduce dark circles which result from the build-up". Carolides' advice for speedy recovery? "Get some vitamin C sachets, take some Nux Vom and try working up a sweat either through exercise or a steam bath. Try to start each morning with a cup of hot water, some squeezed lemon and a piece of fresh ginger to stimulate bile and help flush through the bowels and tone the liver." Maria Vlotides, W2-based medical herbalist also recommends high-quality milk thistle (best obtained from good pharmacies or medical herbalists). "This helps regulate the liver's detoxification pathways. If you suffer from heartburn, meadowsweet tea is nature's answer to Pepto-Bismol," she says.



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The BECCA London Makeup Academy

As a testament to the success of BECCA and the flagship boutique, the first **BECCA Make-Up Academy** was launched in July of this year. The course was designed by Morrice Williams as the ultimate platform to launch a career in professional make-up artistry. It has been an immediate hit due to the high standard of the course and the opportunities it presents to gain entrance into the fashion and beauty industry.

The Academy offers three courses which cater for complete beginners or those with previous make-up artistry experience. The only pre-requisites are a passion for make-up and the fashion industry plus a flair for style and creativity.

Taking place in the evenings, the class structure is intimate with a maximum of six students per course to make for a comprehensive learning environment with the utmost individual attention. Applications are now being taken for BECCA Fast Track Fundamentals, an intensive two-week course commencing on 1 December.

Fast-track Fundamentals is your way to creating looks worthy of a red carpet appearance! This two-week course enables you to develop your creativity as a make-up artist by focusing on advanced techniques to produce six key looks. Includes theory and practical on skin, eyelash application, editorial and trend-based looks as well as creating the perfect smoky eye.

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THE GUESTS Well-heeled and very Gloucestershire. The hotel's spa attracts locals who come for the day or weekend (there's a huge waiting list for spa membership) and take advantage of the facilities. The spa was full of young mums escaping their children for 24 hours and an incredibly chic French shooting party was in residence.

THE ROOM The hotel has chucked out the chintz in favour of a muted, contemporary look they call 'country modern'. Neutral tones and sleek styling are mixed up with antique furniture and more traditional country-house fare. The decor didn't quite embody the decadent elegance of a bona fide English country house and some public areas felt a little anodyne in places, but the rooms are all beautifully done. Each one has been individually designed by Annie Constantine who updated the hotel's look, using experience garnered in local homes and with a thorough knowledge of all the local designers and antique houses and furniture shops in nearby Tetbury.

THE RESTAURANT The hotel has two eateries, the 'country pub', the Gumstool and the more formal dining room, The Conservatory. We went upmarket and are still thanking our lucky stars that we did. Quite sublime food. The kitchen produces great quality fare, much of it sourced locally with a strong emphasis on seasonality. Calcot is very privileged to be one of only two restaurants using produce from Highgrove, Prince Charles' house just up the road. We enjoyed our meal immensely with too many good things to mention but the pork belly with scallops was out of this world and we had the best lamb we've ever eaten followed by an oozing chocolate fondant that will linger long in the memory.

THE SPA Winner of the UK Spa Retreat 2008 in Conde Nast Traveller, the 17,000sqft spa is housed in a separate two-storey Cotswold stone building adjacent to the main manor house. Facilities include an indoor swimming pool, a state-of-the-art gym, fitness studio, relaxation room, steam room, sauna and sun bed and nailbar. There's also a club room and a heated 8-seater outdoor hot tub in front of a blazing log fire. The spa treatment menu offers more than 50 specialist treatments with Spiezia Organics and Bare Escentuals joining more established names Guinot and Aromathereapy Associates on the menu. I enjoyed a blissful hot stone massage whilst my other half went for a pummelling courtesy of the gentlemen's de-stress massage. The staff were wonderful, warm, accommodating and very thoughtful.

THE UPSIDE The food, the food, the *GLORIOUS* food! And a glass of champagne in the outdoor hot tub on a wild and windy autumn evening was pretty special, too.

THE DOWNSIDE A shower that did not contain its overflow - at all. A mini-Niagra Falls took place in the bathroom but the staff were very good at cleaning it up pronto.

THE EXTRAS Calcot is very child-friendly with nine family suites and four L-shaped family rooms that have been specially designed and decorated for young families. There's a Playzone building with a creche and private cinema and children can be left under the watchful gaze of a qualified nanny. There's also tonnes to do in the vicinity; the glorious Westonbirt arboretum is just down the road. With 18,000 trees in over 600 acres, this is the place to go to walk off all the good grub.

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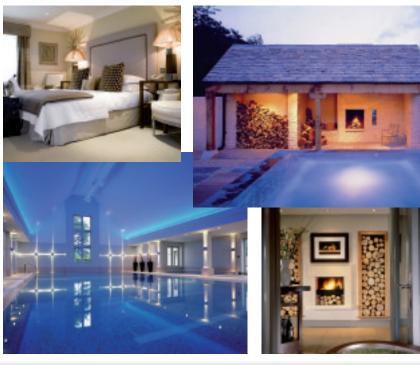
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Bathurst Mews, a picturesque cobbled backwater near Hyde Park is home to one of London's quirkiest secrets. It has the very last original working stables in the city, housing 14 horses which are available for hire to ride around Hyde Parks five miles of bridleway. When Queen Victoria ascended the throne in 1837 the population of London was 1.5 million, the capital throbbed with wealth and bustle and the whole of society revolved around the horse, but sadly with the change of trends, leisure hours have been spent in front of the television or computer For hundreds of years everyone from the butcher's boy to the highest in the land could expertly handle a horse and apart from the practical advantages of getting from A to B, it was the chief recreation of the nobility and gentry. An essential social ritual for all persons of fashion was a daily ride in Hyde Park and it was not only healthy but also a splendid marriage market. Everybody looks more attractive and important on a horse. There has recently been a tremendous resurgence of enthusiasm for traditional

pursuits, and horse riding is the most elegant accomplishment one can have. People are realizing that nothing compares with the thrill of being at one with a noble animal together in the outdoors, whatever the weather. In fact riding in foul weather is surprisingly popular, the wind and lashing rain seem to bring out Dick Turpin tendencies, and also children do love puddles!

There is no doubt that riding is excellent for toning the muscles and oxygenating the blood. Many a brain-weary businessman feels invigorated for the day ahead having first had a gentle canter in the mellow morning mist, and indeed any other person who might have overindulged in drink and decadence the night before feels cleared and cleansed after an hour of horsemanship. A hundred years ago these were known as the "liver-shaking brigade", those high-living gentlemen who, for the sake of their health and to counteract the ravages of dissipation due to the previous nights excesses, would take their exercise, breathing deeply in the fresh air. No doubt their circulation benefited greatly, enabling

them to recover enough to repeat the same enjoyment the following night, i.e. go clubbing. It's well worth a try. Apart from that it's a great way to meet the opposite sex. Romances flourish as men go crazy for dominant women controlling a mighty beast, and in turn all women fancy a dashing horseman.

There has also been a great return of popularity for riding as a family pastime. In olden days one would regularly see individual parents tutoring their children who rode alongside them on a leading rein and there is no question that children feel more confident enjoying the companionship of a parent close by, and the stables encourage such happy participation. So everyone, change your life and go

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ecember might not seem like the perfect time of year to visit Barcelona. A city of sunshine and hedonism, it's usually thought best to experience it in the summer months when you can visit the beach and eat al fresco, well into the night. In reality, however, summer in this city can feel somewhat claustrophobic with the hoards of tourists and party-hard locals clustering up the narrow streets. Far better to visit in the winter months when Barcelona has a charm of it's own and rivals Paris or Prague in terms of unknown shopping boutiques and delightful cafes.

For a luxe winter retreat, stay at Gran Hotel La Florida (www.hotellaflorida.com. +34 93 259 30 00) which is located 300m above Barcelona with spectacular views of the sea. Ernest Hemingway sipped cocktails on this terrace and there are 70 amazing bedrooms and suites, including eight designer suites with jacuzzis, gardens and large terraces overlooking the sea. To tie in with Barcelona's cultural lifestyle (the city is crowded with inspiring Gaudi architecture) the hotel is filled with contemporary art and sculptures.

We arrived on a cold day with bright blue

skies reminiscent of New York, but without the incessant traffic. From the mountains of Sol i Agua where the Gran Hotel La Florida is situated, the city looked like an oasis of calm. Barcelona has an enviably laid back vibe and after just a few hours perusing the back streets

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near Jaume I could already feel the stresses of London melting away. We stopped for café con leche at El Paraigua (Pas de L'Ensenyança, 2. Tel. 93 302 11 31) before

getting down to the real business of the trip: early Christmas shopping with a difference.

It's always heartening to start with the big names; Chanel, Dolce & Gabbana, Louis Vuitton, Gucci, Armani et al are all here on the leafy Passeig de Gràcia boulevard. The collections stocked in designer shops vary from city to city and this Chanel has some of the most unusual and sought after jewellery in Europe, if money is no object. Plus, if you avoid the plaid bags and checked teddy bears in the foyer at Burberry on the corner of Carrer d'Arago and Passeig de Gràcia, you'll find a

For high street bargains galore, head to one of the enormous Zara or Mango stores located in the city (the Zara on Calle Pelai 58, near metro Catalunya, is one of the best). Although they have much the same stock as in London, the prices are cheaper. It's certainly worth stocking up on some of the more traditionally Spanish pieces such as belted leather trench coats, suede boots and printed chiffon shirts; some of which won't ever be available in the UK. If you prefer something a little more individual try Custo Barcelona (Calle Ferran,

36. Tel: 93 342 6698), which is near the chic Le Meridien hotel (+34 933 186 200) on La Rambla. It serves that niche somewhere between Continental glamour (think short

bronze mini skirts and sequin tux jackets) and elegant, yet unusual styling. Personally I love the graphic bold print long-sleeve t-shirts and padded fur-lined bomber jackets, which also double up as great skiwear.

As much as I love shopping, sometimes it's more relaxing to let someone else do the hard work. As I was only there for the weekend and time was short, I called on the services of Diva (+34 658 12 20 21 www.divabarcelona.com) so we could really blitz my Christmas list. This personal styling company offer tailor-made luxury shopping tours, taking you from Cartier

to Chanel, and all the hidden boutiques in the city. I was looking for unusual, vintage finds that I could give as gifts or use to individualise my wardrobe and they sent me off to the area near the MACBA (although if you want they'll accompany you to the shops and give you their expert opinions on outfit choices). This did mean that I had to practically restrain my artist boyfriend from spending the whole trip in the MACBA (www.macba.es) - Barcelona's famous modern art gallery on Placa dels Angels 1, but even I have to admit it's worth a quick break between boutiques, if only for the fantastic art book shop that sells stunning coffee table volumes in English, Spanish and French.

I was pleased to find that there's a plethora of vintage shops in this area from the chic to the downright dusty. I was particularly taken with Hola La La! on Carrer de la Llibertat (+34 93 664 46 68). Men's and women's vintage clothes, hats, shoes and bags are all reasonably priced and interspersed with quirky homeware that would make ideal gifts. We picked up a sweet rose-print china tea set for €20, while some gorgeous looking hatboxes made the grade as gifts for my various aunties. They also have everything from checked tea dresses to leather ankle boots and high neck pussycat bow blouses, if you want a little something for yourself or a fashion-conscious friend. Next stop was Smart and Clean on Calle Riera Baixa 7 (+34 93 412 60 22). This eclectic boutique is a shrine to Sixties and Seventies fashion. For wannabe mods pick up an outfit to match your vespa, with leather jackets and sleek shirts a plenty. It's also worth visiting Lia Lee Barcelona (Baixada de Viladecols 4, +34 63 79 76 900) for revamped vintage pieces with a street style edge.

The Catalans don't believe in rushing around, Christmas shopping to do or not. We got into the swing of things with a very long lunch at one of the city's hidden gems of a restaurant. Bell Amic on Gignas 25 (+34 93 315 12 59) is nestled in the winding streets of the Gothic Quarter and serves delicious fresh meals for incredibly credit crunch-friendly prices. Their sumptuous three-course menu is just €10. I'd heartily recommend the homemade ravioli with fresh tomato sauce and the smoked trout with green beans and sweet potato mash, followed by a rich, moist slab of chocolate cake with a café con leche. A carafe of house wine is included in the price, making the restaurant a complete bargain. For a more upmarket, trendier place to eat that is ideal for the evening, try Rita Blue on Placa Sant Agusti 3 (+34 933 424 086). The low-lighting and cool décor is combined with modern Mediterranean cuisine and up-and-coming DJs for a fun night that unlike many places here, starts before 2am. Expect to rub shoulders with a discerning international crowd too as well as hip locals. It's also well worth planning ahead and getting a ticket to the International Jazz Festival held this month where famous jazz greats like Bebo Valdés, Diego "el Cigala" and Janson Mora will play.

On the last day, we explored some of the

more traditional Christmas markets to root out wooden toys and unusual sweet treats that would serve as quirky stocking fillers for the family. If you're planning on being in the city in mid December, make sure to check out the Fiesta de Santa Llúcia, which take place in a number of different venues including Placa de la Seu and Plaça Sant Jaume. We managed to pick up some lovely homemade leather goods and traditional children's wooden toys, while the nostalgic vibe makes for an experience to rival the more famous Christmas markets of Luxemburg or Paris. Right up until Christmas Eve Barcelona also holds its annual Flea Market, the Fira de Santa Llucia, in the little square in front of the Cathedral. This provides a good sample of Catalan festive life and is a great place to stock up on Christmas decorations and trinkets. Quite unmissable are the "cagneres"; little figures, sometimes in Santa garb, who are crouched with bottom bared preparing to relieve themselves. Often used in nativity scenes, they're associated with fertility and tiny models of them are a traditional gift for a just-married couple (although you may want to check with them first!) The stalls also sell handicrafts, gifts and turron, a sweet nougat that is traditional in Spain at Christmas. It may not be snowy, but this city certainly knows how to put the fun back into the festive season.

Gran Hotel La Florida, Ctra Vallvidrera al Tibidabo, 83-93, 08035, Barcelona, +34 93 259 30 00. From €400 for a deluxe room.





ith the number of passengers passing through UK airports this year at an all time high (well over 228m passengers, compared to just 4m in 1954) it is safe to say that most of us have probably experienced high-altitude eating.

Generally I see airline food as merely a welcome respite from the tedium of the flight and put little thought into the actual food or how it got there. Until recently that is. This year I was approached by German airline Lufthansa and asked if I would like to join their Star Chef's Programme. This, I was told, would involve me creating some menus for their First and Business Class long-haul flights out of Germany in January and February. Excited by this opportunity, especially as the first British chef to be chosen, I started to create some stunning looking dishes which I thought were bound to impress.

And then came the bombshell... these wondrous looking creations which I had painstakingly tweaked and perfected over the last few weeks would have to be reproduced by a group of people on a production line for around 300,000 people over the course of my two-month promotion. This equates to about 3,800 Business Class meals and 350 First Class meals per day. Let's just put that into a chef's perspective. At Foliage we serve a maximum of 50 guests per sitting, that is with a team of nine chefs behind me and a further eight or nine in the restaurant to serve the food. The word daunting was an understatement.

So my team and I worked on the menu again, this time simplifying everything, always trying to imagine how a group of chefs would re-create the dishes for such vast numbers. The day of the final tasting came and we all congregated in Frankfurt to taste the dishes and make any last-minute adjustments. As we pulled up outside the production unit, I was amazed by the sheer size of the place – the unit works 24-hours a day, 365 days per year and employs many thousands of people. This was when the second

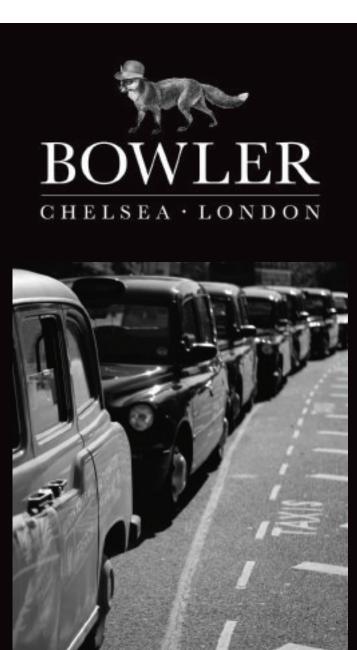
Much of the food that tastes delicious here on terra firma is rendered bland and tasteless at 30,000ft bombshell was unceremoniously launched into the fray... as we began tasting the dishes I was slightly concerned that some of the flavours were not really true to what I had produced back in Blighty. Had the chefs not paid attention? No, the fact was that unbeknownst to me, high alti-

tude greatly affects your taste buds, in short your ability to taste salt, sweet, bitter and spicy are all lowered to varying degrees. A side effect of flying is that much of the food which tastes delicious here on terra firma is rendered bland and tasteless at 30,000ft.

I started work on approving the dishes. As each one came out from the kitchen to be examined and tasted I became more and more impressed, these guys obviously knew what they were doing and many of the dishes were closer than I hoped to real restaurant quality. We finally narrowed down the list and finalised the menus and with my work done, I headed off to the airport to catch my flight home.

So as you head off for your Christmas getaway and tuck in to your in-flight meal, spare a thought for the vast numbers who were involved in preparing it and bon appétit!

Chris Staines is Head Chef at Foliage, Mandarin Oriental Hyde Park, 66 Knightsbridge, SW1X 7LA, 020 7201 3723



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table talk

by **Annica Wainwright**, an editor at *Square Meal*



Fancy spending an entire day eating chocolate? The Art of Chocolate package from the Jumeirah Lowndes Hotel in Belgravia may be just what you've been looking for. It kicks off with a decadent brunch in which everything from fresh fruit skewers to mascarpone risotto and martini cocktails will have been laced with chocolate. After that, it's off to the Rococo Chocolate School for a three-hour master class hosted by the boutique's own 'Prof du Choc' Laurent Couchaux, who will take participants through tutored tastings and handson workshops, covering topics like 'tempering chocolate', 'chocolate desserts' and 'the perfect chocolate truffle'. For those who haven't yet had their fill, there's also a goody bag to take home. No points for guessing what's in that.

The 'Art of Chocolate' package costs from £125. Book on 020 7823 1234

CHRISTMAS CHEER

Forget cava. Certain celebrations require real champagne and there are enough deals out there to justify splashing out for Christmas.

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Here's to impromptu festive parties!

Richard Dawes Fine Wine 020 7384 1470 www.rdfinewine.com



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020 8957 5030

version of its gourmet food store Comptoir Gascon. The Michelin-starred Smithfield restaurant, which specialises in food from south-west France, is best known for its foie gras – and there's plenty of that on the menu at Gasconline.com, too. Other treats include charcuterie, cheese and conserves sourced directly from Gascony amd there's a nice range of regional wines to go alongside (order a full case for a 5% discount).

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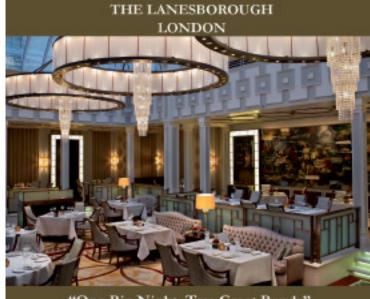
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restaurant reviews

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AMBASSADE DE L'ILE 117-119 OLD BROMPTON ROAD, SW7 3RN 020 7373 7774

If you are looking for a luxurious Christmas treat, local newcomer Ambassade de l'Île, which has moved into the Old Brompton Road premises vacated by Lundums is worth a visit. An entirely different animal to its homely Danish predecessor, this fancy French gaff is the brainchild of chef Jean-Christophe Ansanay-Alex, whose restaurant outside Lyon has two Michelin stars.

With a long row of the famous red guides providing the only splash of colour in his black and white London dining room, J-C's not exactly hiding the fact that he has high aspirations for this place, too. The question is: are they a bit too high? We couldn't help but sense an unappealing sense of arrogance about the place, not least on the menu, which pitches starters at the £25 mark, while mains and desserts clock in at around £36 and £18 each.

Given prices like that, you expect to be wowed. But, while we certainly enjoyed some stand-out dishes (the rich osso bucco-style veal silkv butternut squash was particularly good) our overall experience actually quite underwhelming. Sea urchin 'Royale' saw the delicate main ingredient overpowered by a heavily reduced crayfish and lobster 'coulis', while the (a bit too) lightly cooked fish course of Arctic char wasn't as good as its earthy cep mushroom accompaniment.

Excellent wine recommendations and a fantastic cheese board did lift the meal and the formal service was just about flawless but we didn't think much of the starkly lit room, which the chef has apparently designed himself. If we go back, it will probably be at lunchtime, when the set menu (at £30 for three courses or £42 with wine, water and coffee) is a comparative bargain.



MARCUS WAREING AT THE BERKELEY

THE BERKELEY HOTEL, WILTON PLACE, SW1X 7RL 020 7235 1200

We never had a bad meal at Pétrus (the restaurant Marcus Wareing ran on this site under Gordon Ramsay Holdings). So, when the chef announced he was leaving the Ramsay stable and relaunching the place under a new name, it seemed as good an excuse as any to return and check it out.

We're happy to report that not much has changed. The gorgeous claret-coloured dining room remains as attractive as ever and Wareing seems to be cooking at the top of his game. Pétrus held two stars in the Michelin guide but we hear Wareing's aiming for three now that his name is above the door. As one of the best chefs working in the capital today, he may just achieve his goal. But at what cost?

A self-confessed perfectionist, Wareing seems to have gone into star-searching overdrive and while his food is all the better for it, other parts of the experience are suffering. For a start, it's near impossible to get a table when you want it (our 'choice' was 6.30pm or 9.30pm) and we found the service a bit overbearing.

There seems to be trolleys for everything – from champagne through to cheese, digestifs and 'bon bons' – and there's so many staff milling about you can hardly see the beautiful decor. At one point, all their carting around made us feel a bit like we were eating in a train station.

Not that Rail Gourmet would ever offer treats like poached lobster with braised pig's trotter, vanilla butter and roasted salsify, or roast loin of veal with snail fricassée and sweet garlic emulsion. Nor would it serve lush mushroom soup as a rich amuse-bouche or finish meals with a textbook tart tatine. Let's hope the Michelin men oblige, for while his food is top notch, Wareing needs to relax a bit.



L'ATELIER DE JOEL ROBUCHON 13-15 WEST STREET, WC2H 9NE

020 7010 8600

For our favourite gourmet experience, you'll have to head in to the West End – but, trust us, this one's worth the trip. L'Atelier sits on the ground floor of a building that the legendary French chef Joel Robuchon has turned into a gastronomic temple. Above it is a lovely cocktail bar and the more formal restaurant La Cuisine, which serves similar food in a setting that's not half as fun as the casual downstairs, where diners perch on high stools around a large open-plan kitchen.

The USP here isn't just eating food created by one of the world's most celebrated chefs but to actually watch his brigade prepare it. A few high tables are scattered around the edges of the room so be sure to book your seats at the main (kitchen-front) counter, where both views and service are much better.

Next, you'll need to concentrate on the small dishes side of the menu. More traditional three-course meals are available but you'd be missing out on grazing over plate after plate of tiny treats.

We left the ordering to our knowledgeable waiter and ended up with a long line of gorgeous dishes that we probably wouldn't have chosen ourselves. Best of all was a deep-fried egg, whose wafer-thin breadcrumb casing cracked open to reveal a perfect soft egg spilling out onto the accompanying sultanas and raisins. If that all sounds a bit weird, take our word for it: this strange little dish was utterly delectable.

We also loved the langoustine ravioli topped with foie gras sauce and scallops doused in seaweed butter. By-the-glass wine recommendations throughout were both delicious and surprising: our lips didn't touch so much as a drop of something French until we got to the multi-textured chocolate pudding, which was cleverly matched to a chilled, fortified red. Quite spectacular.



THE PANTECHNICON ROOMS

10 Motcomb Street, SW1X 8LA 020 7730 6074

www.thepantechnicon.com

Signature dish: Pantechnicon fish fingers with quails egg and beans. And the Pantechnicon Sunday Roast designed to be shared.

Sample dishes: Whole Dover Sole, grilled with lemon and watercress £29.50, Rare seared Yellowfin tuna niçoise £10

House wine: 2006 Pinot Grigio, Carlo Botter, Italy, £16; 2006 Malbec, Finca Las Paredes, Argentina, £18.

Approx price for two: £55

Private room: Exclusive use of the dining room for 10-50 can be arranged by appointment.

Outdoor area: Outdoor seating 15-20.
Opening Times: Open 12pm-11:30pm

Monday-Sunday.



THE BUTCHER'S HOOK

477 Fulham Road, SW6 1HL

020 7385 4654,www.thebutchershook.co.uk Set menus: Daily special main course plus glass of house wine, pint of beer or non-alcoholic drink – £7.95 for lunch, £10 for dinner.

Sample dishes: Crab bisque; sautéed lamb kidneys and Madeira on toast; veal carpaccio; traditional duck, pork & garlic sausage cassoulet House wine: Terre Forti Trebbiano/Chardonnay and Sangiovese, Rubicone, Italy 2008, both £13.

Approx price for two people: £45 for three-course dinner (without wine).

Outdoor area: Bench and tables for drinking, dining and smoking.

Christmas and New Year: Parties up to 25 for pre-Christmas celebrations; five-course menu for £35 per person on New Year's Eve.

Opening times: Mon-Sun, 11am-midnight.



POMEGRANATES RESTAURANT

94 Grosvenor Road, SW1V 3LF 020 7828 6560 020 7834 0735

Set menus: Lunch from £15.95, dinner from £19.95.

Sample dishes: Gravadlax with dill and mustard sauce; crab bisque with oysters and cognac; grilled giant prawns wrapped in curried bacon; Angus chateaubriand; steak tartare and treacle tart with cream.

House wine: White: Sauvignon de Touraine, Guy Saget, Loire, £20. Red: Merlot Vin de Pays 'Oc, Mas du Soliel, £19.

Approx price for two: £75

Private room: Two rooms seating 12 each Opening times: Monday-Friday, lunch from 12.30pm-2pm; Monday-Saturday, dinner from 7pm-11.15pm.

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VIVEZZA

101 Pimlico Road, SW1W 8PH 020 7730 0202

www.vivezza.co.uk

Signature dish: *Spaghettini al' Granchio*, Spaghetti with fresh crab.

Sample dishes: Cappesante alla Griglia (Grilled fresh scallops), Zuppa di Pesce (Fish soup). Seasonal White Truffle Menu currently featured which includes Risotto al Tartuffo Bianco and Medaglione di Manzo al Tartuffo Bianco (Medaglions of fillet steak with white truffles). House wine: Ortona Malvasia Bianco Primo, 2006, £13.95; Sangiovese Vignali Roccamora (Sicily), 2006, £13.95.

Approx price for two: £60 for two

Opening times: Monday – Friday, 12pm-2.30pm, 6pm-11pm; Saturday, 12pm-3.30pm, 6pm-11pm; Sunday, 12pm-3.30pm.



IL FALCONIERE

84 Old Brompton Road, SW7 3LQ 020 7589 2401

www.ilfalconiere.co.uk

Set menu: Three-course lunch £12.50, three-course dinner £18.50.

Signature dishes: Linguini frutti di mare, filetto di bue (carpaccio), saltimboca alla Romana and gamberoni all aglio.

Sample dishes: Seafood salad, grilled minute Scotch entrecote steak, fillets of lemon sole with caviar sauce.

House wine: Bianco de Venezie and Merlot, both £12.50.

Approx price for two people: £50

Private room: Accommodates up to 40 guests Outdoor area: Accommodates up to 10 guests Opening times: Monday-Saturday 12pm to 11pm, closed on Sundays.



NEDS NOODLE BAR

95 Westbourne Grove W2 4UW 020 7034 0089

www.nedsnoodlebar.com

Set-lunch menu for two: Any two boxes from the menu, two drinks, one bag of prawn crackers, one box of spring rolls and soy sauce. (£16.95).

Set-lunch menu for one: any box from the menu, drink, spring rolls (£8.95).

Signature Dish: Chicken yakisoba with udon noodles.

Sample Dishes: Singapore seafood, chicken yakisoba, Malaysian beef, duck and oyster sauce and wok-fried Asian greens.

Delivery times: Monday-Friday, 12pm-11:15pm; Saturday, 1pm-11:15pm; Sunday, 1pm-10:15pm



delicious foodie gifts this Christmas

lanted proudly on the good food map of the capital is the Natural Kitchen. This November sees the launch of their new gift range - inspired and unusual gifts ideal for Christmas. From wicker hampers stuffed full of interesting products, to recycled leather stationery from India, olive wood chopping boards to pewter butter knives, you are sure to find that 'something different' for family and friends.

The choice and quality of produce is unrivalled in London

Located at the top of Marylebone High Street, the Natural Kitchen is the kind of shop that gives Marylebone its delightful village atmosphere and makes a shopping trip more a treat than a chore. The choice and quality of produce is unrivalled in London. You quickly realise it

is serious about food. With friendly and knowledgeable staff, the 'natural' element is obvious too - there are no frills here. Bustling with activity, you wander among large bags and containers of stock, and with the bare brick walls and white tiles, this 'stripped back to the basics' appearance allows the food to be the star.

"It's all in the taste for us," comment owners David Graham and Justin Green. "Organic if necessary, wild when we can get it, but it is the artisan aspect that really excites us. Most of our food is supplied by small suppliers, who concentrate on quality rather than quantity."

To launch Christmas, the Natural Kitchen is hosting an informal Christmas preview on Thursday 6 November, 5pm – 9pm, where staff will be on hand to offer advice, and discounts will be available on their gift range.

The Natural Kitchen, 77/78 Marylebone High Street,W1U 5JX 020 7486 8065, www.thenaturalkitchen.com





Opt for a festive feast at Indigo Chelsea for Christmas dining with a twist

pen every day in the run up to, and throughout the Christmas holiday period, Indigo Chelsea is even open on Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day, with special party and dinner menus to suit the occasion.

Sumptuous Christmas menu choices include quail, pheasant, Tandoori venison, French duck, fish and a special vegetarian option. Traditional turkey with an Indian twist is served with potatoes and all the trimmings and there is even their very own Christmas pudding on offer, too.

Set menus are available for under £20, £30 or £35 and up to 90 guests can be seated. Welcome drinks or cocktails on arrival and music can also be provided.

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Indigo offers complimentary delivery to homes and offices, without the annoying minimum charge imposed by certain other local establishments.

A first-class wine, champagne and cocktail list completes the Christmas picture, along with luscious freshly made juices, making Indigo Chelsea a must-visit for Indian food lovers in London.

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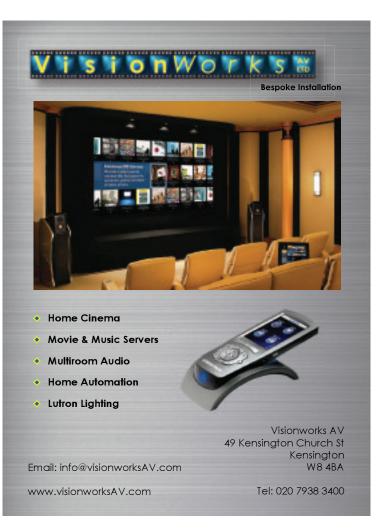








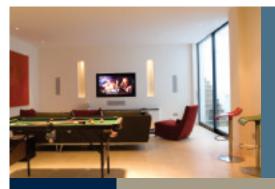






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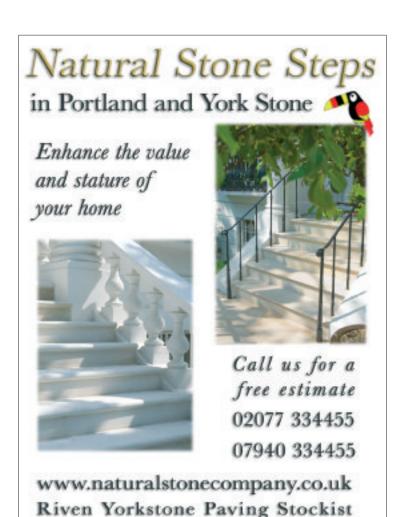
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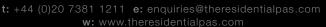
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Fits the bill

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refurbished to a high standard throughout boasting a spacious reception room with dining space and Juliette balcony. Upper Addison Gardens is away from the green spaces of Holland Park and the transport links and amenities of Holland Park and Kensington.

£695,000, Share of freehold. Bective Leslie Marsh, 020 7603 5181



Flat out

A substantial detached period house on Redcliffe Square is a slice of property heaven, this example from Daniel Corbett & Co is laid out as three well-proportioned flats. Offering staggering space and volume within its large rooms, and externally in the secluded southerly facing garden. The already well-presented property lends itself to considerable expansion both at high and particularly at low levels, subject to consents, or indeed to restore it to a family house. The accommodation comprises: ground/lower ground maisonette – 3,111sqft; first floor – 1,194sqft; second floor – 1,182sqft; loft space – 515sqft. Externally: terrace, off-street parking, front garden and 75' x 40' rear garden.

POA, freehold.

Daniel Corbett & Co, 020 7225 1500. JSA Russell Simpson.

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NEW HOME FOR CHARD

Defying the credit crunch, Chard have opened a new office on Fulham Broadway. "Our strong position in the lettings market means we were able to take advantage of this exciting opportunity for expansion," said the company's founder, Andrew Chard. "Not only will it provide an excellent platform for the growth of our buoyant Fulham lettings business, but it will also provide support for our sales business in the area," he explains. "And it will mean when the sales market starts to improve, we shall be ideally placed to take advantage of that situation," Chard predicts.

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Style and substance

The five-bed house on Ebury Street, SW1 has had the expert attention of interior designer, Jane Churchill. Highlights include a proper 'grown up' first floor drawing room and a Tuscan style courtyard garden, complete with bleached terracotta walls and olives trees – it is a home of substance, and definite style. Further accommodation includes: double ground floor reception, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, family room with kitchen, master bedroom with en suite and dressing room, four further bedrooms, bathroom, cloakroom and utility room.

£3.95m, freehold. Aylesford International, 020 7351 2383. JSA Strutt & Parker.



Former glory

This Grade II-listed building on a prominent corner of Queen's Gate Gardens has been beautifully restored renovated to create six super-luxury apartments. Many of the original features have remain, including a superb stone staircase through the main atrium of the building, ornate plaster work, and in some apartments, 12ft ceiling heights. To bring this 19th century up-to-date, an air-cooling system, Cat 5 cabling and intergrated audio systems have been added. All six apartments vary in size (from 2,745sqft 3,348sqft) and accommodation (three or four bedrooms) - but all maximise on the character and style of this landmark building and have been finished to the highest standard.

From £5.25m, leasehold. Kaye & Carey, 020 7590 0066. JSA Savills.



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First Street Chelsea SW3

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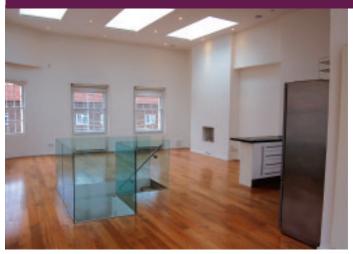
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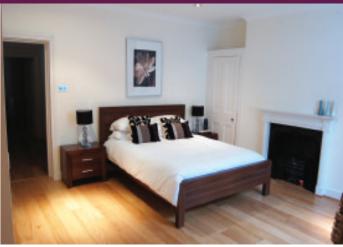
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Market reflections

Jonathan Hewlett, Head of Savills London Region, comments: "As we draw towards the end of 2008, we are all more than aware of the dramatic changes following the credit crunch. The autumn began with the collapse of Lehman Brothers, followed swiftly by of a number of global banks needing to be bailed out by Governments and the likes of the International Monetary Fund.

"For the first time in many years, there appears to be sympathy for the estate agency profession.

"Savills is intent on providing an exceptional service to our client base in order to deliver the results our clients aim to achieve. Even in these more challenging times we are still managing to achieve the results our clients want, as our recent marketing campaign, 'we have the power to move you', suggests.

"I am sure that a lot of people believe that nothing whatsoever is being sold and I am pleased to highlight below some of our recent sales that really do show the strength of Savills having the power to move you:

"In September, the Savills Sloane Street office, marketed and achieved full asking price on a property in Albany, in the heart of Mayfair.

"At the end of September, Savills in Knightsbridge successfully sold a property in Selwood Place, it exchanged during the furore surrounding the banking sector.

"In October, the Islington office of Savills successfully sold a property in Alwyne Road, N1 which achieved an historically high price in terms of pounds per sqft for the area.

"Whilst sales have been hit dramatically by lower turnover, the lettings market has benefited and we have very strong teams in our London offices assisting our client base in this respect. Savills Interiors, which was set up in the autumn of 2007, also assists our clients by ensuring their properties are presented at their best and I am pleased to report that where Savills Interiors has carried out a full refurbishment, we have had a 93 per cent success rate of subsequently letting the property.

It is very easy in this market to believe that properties will not sell or let, but if the property is presented and marketed in the right way and at the right price, we know that we can deliver the results to our clients.

On the mark

Savills is delighted to be marketing this beautiful Grade II period property in Eaton Terrace for sale. The property, which was owned by Mark Thatcher between 1987 and 1990, is conveniently situated close to Sloane Square. Now requiring complete modernisation, the property has the benefit of detailed planning and listed-building consent in place.

Five bedrooms, four bath/shower rooms, three reception rooms, kitchen/breakfast room, south-facing garden, utility room.

Guide Price £4.5m Savills 020 7730 0822



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From Russia with love

Savills and Intermark Savills are pleased to announce the appointment of a new Head of the Russian Desk in London. Grace Margolies will be working from the Mayfair headquarters, Lansdowne House, negotiating the sale of properties to the voracious Russian market and strengthening the profile of Intermark Savills.

Grace, a fluent Russian speaker, has extensive property experience and previously worked at Knight Frank, where she set up and ran their Russian desk and worked on developments including

One Hyde Park. She has a proven track record of successfully negotiating sales to the Russian market, generating new buyers, and has significant contacts in that arena. Ian Pidgeon, a director who oversees the Russian desk, said: "I expect Grace's appointment will significantly increase the volume of new business coming out of this crucially important sector."

Grace, who is half-Russian and has studied at St Petersburg University, said: "I am keen to forge even stronger new relations between the Moscow and London offices and am looking forward to implementing strategies to publicly promote both offices. Savills is a fantastic company with a very strong international reputation, and I look forward to building on it."

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First impression really do count

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Camilla Creer of Savills Kensington, comments: "Following the works, we received competitive bids and the property went under offer to a corporate tenant for a 12-month tenancy period."

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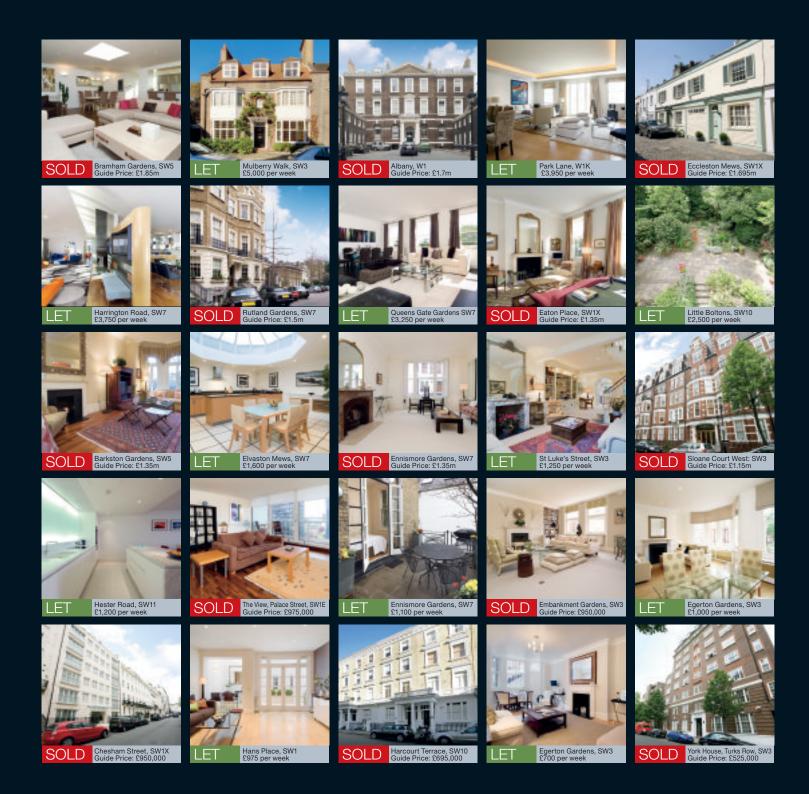
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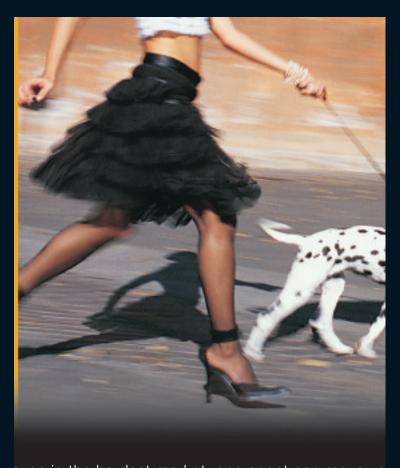
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Suite success

The heart of this beautiful family house on Fawcett Street, SW10 is to be found on the lower ground floor, with a large kitchen and open-plan dining area/sitting room which leads directly onto the garden. Thoughtful design and a high standard of finish is apparent throughout the 2,476sqft, including the capacious master bedroom en-suite, replete with a double sink and tub for two. Accomodation also includes: three further bedrooms, bathroom, double-reception room, utility room, cloakroom. £3.15m, freehold.

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Mile high club

High on our wishlist of dream homes is this penthouse apartment on Queen's Gate Gardens, SW7. The winning factor? Two stunning roof terraces with unparalled views of the rooftops of South Ken that are better furnished than the insides of most of our homes.

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Room with a view

This stunningly presented apartment on Brechin Place, SW7 has seriously enviable credentials. The 35ft living space (reception room, dining room, kitchen) with wood floors and monochrome palette has glorious views down Roland Gardens. There are three bedrooms and two bathrooms, too.

£1.65m, leasehold. Knight Frank 020 7349 4300

Thrice as nice

This Clareville Street, SW7 property is resplendent in its not one, but three terraces and balconies – that's one per floor. All west-facing and drawing in light to the main living space which includes a master bedroom with en suite, three further bedrooms, double reception, large kitchen/dining/sitting room and study.

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Urban oasis

Sitting in the decked garden of this property on Ilfield Road, SW10 you could be forgiven for thinking you had left the city entirely. The secluded 30ft south-facing garden is coupled with a third floor terrace to maximise the much sought after outdoor space. Inside, the four/five bedroom proportions make this one of the largest houses on the street.

A contemporary space that has recently been renovated, it includes a master bedroom suite, two further bedrooms, study, bathroom, drawing room, dining room and open plan kitchen/sitting room. There is also a separate self-contained flat with bedroom, bathroom, reception room, dining room, kitchen and study.

£2.65m, freehold. Knight Frank, 020 7349 4300



Starter for ten...

Situated in the Ten-Acre Estate, on Lamont Road, SW10 is this handsome, four-storey home. The lower ground floor houses the sleek kitchen, with sociable seating/dining area and views from the stove over the 33ft garden.

The wrap-round terrace envelops the raised ground floor dining area/reception room, making the most of the open views down the gardens of Limerston Street.

Accommodation also includes: master bedroom with en suite, three further bedrooms, bathroom, dressing room/study, cloakroom, utility area and storage vault.

£2.95m, freehold. Knight Frank, 020 7349 4300





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Fawcett Street, Chelsea SW10

Family house with volume

This is a beautiful family house with a mature patio garden to the rear. Master bedroom with bathroom en suite, 3 further bedrooms, bathroom, double reception room, kitchen/breakfast room, dining room, sitting room, study, utility room, cloakroom, patio garden. Approximately 230sq.m (2,476sq.ft).

Freehold

Guide price: £2,950,000

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Eaton Place, Belgravia SW1

Elegant apartment

A spacious upper maisonette with direct lift access and use of a secluded roof terrace. Master bedroom with en suite shower room, bedroom 2, bedroom 3/dressing room, bathroom, drawing room, dining room, cloakroom, kitchen, roof terrace, 2 substantial storage areas, direct lift access, independent heating and communal hot water. Approximately 170sq.m (1,840sq.ft).

Leasehold: Expires 21st December 2126

Guide price: £3,150,000

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Shawfield Street, Chelsea SW3

Stylish refurbished town house

This impressive town house has been refurbished to a very high standard. Master bedroom with dressing room and en suite bathroom, 4 further double bedrooms, 2 en suite shower rooms, 1 further bathroom, entrance hall, kitchen/dining room, first floor drawing room, media/family room, study, cloakroom, utility room, paved garden, garage. Approximately 266sq.m (2,869sq.ft).

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Price on application

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Cheyne Gardens, Chelsea SW3

A prime Chelsea position

A well arranged three bedroom upper maisonette with terrace. Cheyne Gardens is a short walk to the King's Road. Master bedroom with en suite bathroom, 2 further bedrooms, bathroom, entrance hall, reception room, kitchen, terrace, lift, resident caretaker. Approximately 127sq.m (1,368sq.ft).

Leasehold: Expiring on 20.01.2061

Guide price: £1,550,000

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Neville Street, South Kensington SW7

Unmodernised family residence

A large grade II listed freehold house in South Kensington. The house has potential to enlarge and redesign the top floor subject to necessary consents 257sq.m (2,770sq.ft) existing. Master bedroom with en suite bathroom, 3 further bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, study, drawing room, dining room, kitchen, family room, kitchenette, garden.

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Danvers Street, Chelsea SW3

Charming house with large garden

This charming house has a wonderful 65ft garden to the rear. Master bedroom with shower room en suite, bedroom 2, bedroom 3/study, bathroom, double reception room, kitchen/breakfast room, dining room, cloakroom, large 65ft garden. Approximately 149sq.m (1,604sq.ft).

Freehold

Guide price: £2,150,000

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Lamont Road, Chelsea SW10

Family house in good condition

This is a bright and spacious family house situated at the preferred eastern end of Lamont Road. Master bedroom with bathroom en suite, bedroom 2 with shower room en suite, 2 further double bedrooms, dressing room/study, bathroom, double reception room, dining area, kitchen/breakfast/sitting room, cloakroom, utility area, garden, terrace. Approximately 201sq.m (2,164sq.ft).

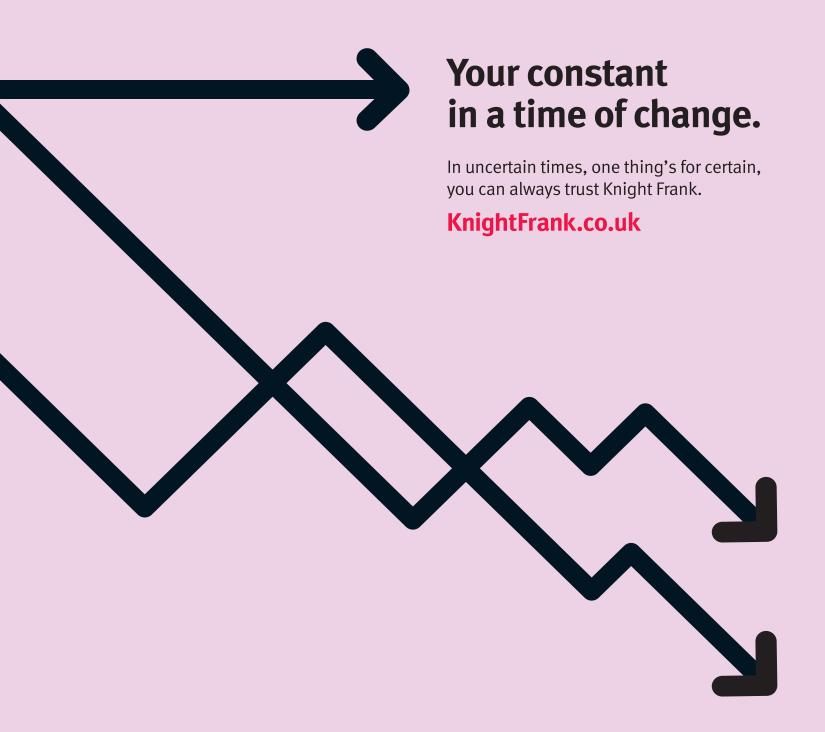
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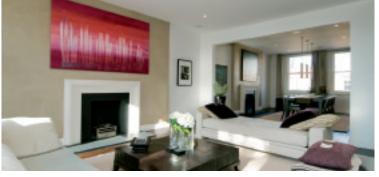
Ifield Road, Chelsea SW10

£2,650,000

5 double bedrooms (1 en suite), 2 bathrooms, 4 reception rooms, 2 south-west facing terraces and garden. Approximately 294sq.m (3,166sq.ft).

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Brechin Place, South Kensington SW7 £1,650,000

2 double bedrooms (1 en suite), bathroom, bedroom 3/study, 35ft reception/dining room, kitchen area, sole access to flat roof area. Approximately 151sq.m (1,625sq.ft).

Leasehold: Approximately 159 years

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Clareville Grove, South Kensington SW7 £3,150,000

3 double bedrooms (1 en suite), shower room, 4 reception rooms, kitchen, 44ft south-west facing garden. Approximately 219sq.m (2,358sq.ft).

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Limerston Street, Chelsea SW10

£2,300,000

4 bedrooms (1 en suite), bathroom, 2 reception rooms, kitchen, utility room, balcony, garden. Approximately 182sq.m (1,955sq.ft).

Freehold

Knight Frank Chelsea 020 7349 4300



Beaufort Street, Chelsea SW3

£850,000

2 double bedrooms, bathroom, double reception room, kitchen, study area, utility room, balcony, patio garden. Approximately 124sq.m (1,333sq.ft).

Share of freehold

Knight Frank Chelsea 020 7349 4300



Drayton Gardens, Chelsea SW10

£1,150,000

2 double bedrooms with bathrooms en suite, study, reception room, kitchen/breakfast room, balcony, lift, caretaker. Approximately 134sq.m (1,433sq.ft).

Share of freehold

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A selection of flats for sale with buy to let potential in the Resident area



Kempsford Gardens, SW5 One bedroom first floor flat on tree lined street in Earls Court

£299,950 Leasehold

- -One bedroom
- High ceilingsVictorian conversion
- Tree lined street
- Earls Court and West Brompton Underground

South Kensington & Chelsea sales 020 7373 8883



Sherbourne Court, SW5 One bedroom flat within portered building near Cromwell Hospital

Offers in excess of £300,000 Leasehold

- One bedroomFully fitted kitchenModern bathroomPortered block

- Earls Court Underground

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Earls Court Square, W5 Recently refurbished two bedroom flat on an Earls Court garden sguare

£525.000 Leasehold

- -Two bedrooms
- Spacious living room Two bathrooms (one en suite)
- Communal gardensRecently refurbished
- Earls Court Underground

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Wiltshire Close, SW3 Four bedroom flat with refurbishment potential close to Sloane Avenue

£525,000 Leasehold

- Four bedrooms
- Refurbishment opportunity
- Rental investment
- Communal gardens Second floor
- Sloane Square Underground

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Rosary Gardens, SW7 A contemporary two bedroom flat with access to communal gardens

Offers in excess of £600,000 Leasehold

- Two bedrooms
- Newly refurbished with solid oak floors
- Two bathrooms (one en suite)
- Communal garden
- Private entrance
- Gloucester Road Underground

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Beaufort Mansions, SW3 A spacious three bedroom flat close to the Kings Road

£665,000 Leasehold

- -Three bedrooms

- High ceilings Communal garden Share of freehold available to buy
- South Kensington Underground

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Kings Road, SW10

A three bedroom flat with two receptions and two bathrooms on Kings Road

£950,000 Leasehold

- -Three bedroom
- High ceilingsBalcony

- Private entranceArranged on first floor and above
- Gloucester Road Underground

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Rosary Gardens, SW7 One bed raised ground floor flat with

garden in South Kensington

£635,000 Share of freehold

- One bedroomLiving room with high ceilings and fireplaceSeparate kitchen
- Raised ground floor
- Private gardenGloucester Road Underground

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Nevern Square, SW5

One bedroom first floor flat with access to communal gardens

£349,950 Share of freehold

- One double bedroom
- High ceilingsCommunal gardens
- Share of freehold
- First floor
- Earl's Court underground

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Wetherby Gardens, SW5 Contemporary three bedroom flat on South Kensington garden square

£1,850 p/w Furnished/Unfurnished

- -Three double bedrooms
- -Three bathrooms Separate dining area
- Direct access to communal gardens
 - B&O entertainment system– Gloucester Road Underground

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Bramerton Street, SW3 Two bedroom duplex with private garden in Chelsea

£1,400 p/w Furnished/Unfurnished

- Two double bedrooms
- -Two bathrooms
- Private garden

- Separate kitchen
- Ground and lower ground floors Sloane Square Underground

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Emperors Gate, SW7
Three bedroom duplex close to Gloucester Road

£ 675 p/w Furnished

- -Three bedrooms
- Two bathrooms with power shower Elm wood floors throughout
- Ground and lower ground floorsGloucester Road underground

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Two double bedroom, two bathroom flat with communal gardens in Earls Court

£550 p/w Furnished

- Two double bedroomsTwo bathroomsFifth floor, lift



- Open plan kitchen
- Access to communal gardens Earls Court Underground

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"Thank you so much to you and your staff for the very professional way in which you have handled the letting of our property." Client feedback

> "We were delighted that you managed to find excellent tenants very quickly and the whole process has been very painless" Client feedback







Onslow Square, SW7 Three bedroom flat on garden square in South Kensington

£1,350p/w Furnished

- -Three double bedrooms
- -Two bathrooms
- -Access to communal gardens
- Separate kitchenThird floor, lift
- South Kensington Underground

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Ashburnham Road, SW10 Four bedroom flat in Chelsea mansion building off Kings Road

£795 p/w Furnished/Unfurnished

- Four bedrooms
- Second floor, liftSemi open plan kitchen
- -Two bathrooms
- Wood floorsEarls Court Underground

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Clareville Grove, SW7

One bedroom raised ground floor flat in conversion off Old Brompton Road

£475 p/w Furnished

- -One double bedroom
- Raised ground floor
- Separate kitchen
- Limestone tiled bathroom
- Bedroom at rear
- Gloucester Road Underground

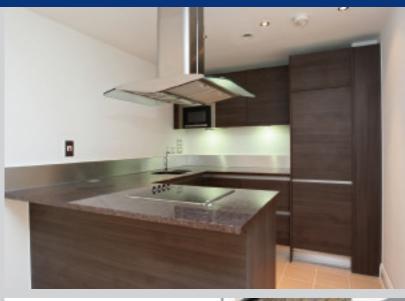
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Vauxhall Bridge Road, SW1V One bedroom flat in private development in Pimlico

£400 p/w Furnished/Unfurnished

- -One double bedroom
- Open plan kitchen with breakfast bar
- On-site porterFirst floor, lift
- Pimlico Underground

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Collingham Road, SW5

Two double bedroom flat with roof terrace near Gloucester Road

£450p/w Furnished

- Two double bedrooms Third floor, lift –Separate kitchen

- Large private roof terraceSpace for diningGloucester Road Underground

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Redcliffe Gardens SW10 First floor one bedroom flat on Chelsea borders

£325 p/w Furnished

- -One double bedroom
- First Floor of conversion
- Wood floors
- Separate kitchenEn-suite shower room
- Earls Court Underground



KNIGHTSBRIDGE SW3







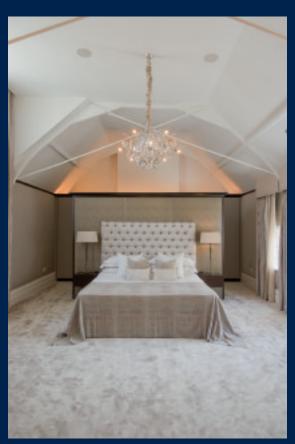








Ovington Square



An exquisitely interior designed residence (665 sq m / 7,156 sq ft) which offers state of the art living and occupies a quiet corner position in this highly desirable Knightsbridge garden square. The spacious and well proportioned accommodation is perfectly balanced between entertaining and private living space.

- Master bedroom with 2 en-suite bathrooms and dressing rooms
- 5 further bedrooms
- 5 further bathrooms
- First floor drawing room with balconv
- Dining room
- Family room
- Garden room with courtyard
- Study
- Kitchen/breakfast room
- 3 cloakrooms
- Utility room
- Leisure complex with gym, steam room, sauna and shower room
- Flat comprising bedroom with en-suite bathroom, sitting area and kitchen
- Lift
- Air conditioning

Price on Application Freehold



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Drayton Gardens SW10

66 A beautiful first floor balconied family flat (203 sq m / 2,185 sq ft) situated in a classic Edwardian mansion block. The apartment has been completely reconstructed and renovated to a very high quality and is a perfect example of a fine blend of contemporary living and traditional appearance.

- 3 Double bedrooms
- 2 Bathrooms (1 en-suite) Kitchen / d
- Shower room en-suite
- Utility room
- Entrance / dining hall
- Kitchen / dining room
- Large double reception room
- Video entry system
- Lift
- Porter
- Caretaker

Leasehold 102 years plus a share of the freehold, price £3,550,000

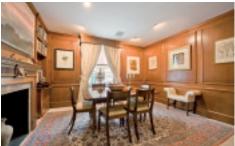
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for sale









Rutland Street, Knightsbridge, SW7

66 A well-proportioned and attractively presented end of terrace house (169 sq m / 1,819 sq ft) situated in this quiet one way street in "Knightsbridge Village". The house is in good condition, arranged over four floors, and combines excellent entertaining space with 3 double bedrooms and bathrooms.

- Master bedroom with dressing area and en-suite bathroom
- 2 Further double bedrooms (1 en-suite)
- 2 Bathrooms
- Drawing room
- Dining room
- Entrance hall
- Kitchen/breakfast room
- Utility room/cloakroom
- Vault storage





Freehold, price £2,250,000













Mulberry Walk, London SW3

An excellent 'Arts and Crafts' family house (approx. 4,632 sq ft/430 sq m) built in 1890 and situated in this much sought after location just off the King's Road.

Entrance Hall • Drawing Room • Dining Room/Study • Kitchen/Breakfast Room • 6 Double Bedrooms • 5 Bath/Shower Rooms • Guest Cloakroom • Staff Bedroom with Separate Entrance & En Suite Bathroom • 22' X 21' Rear Garden • ADT Burgular Alarm System • Fully Equipped Laundry • Wine Cellar



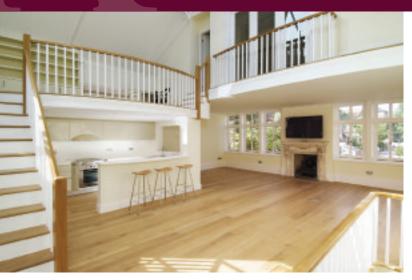


Freehold

Price on Application







Glebe Place, London SW3

A very light, refurbished studio house located in this quiet street just off the King's Road, with a super studio reception room.

3 Double Bedrooms • En Suite Bathroom • 2 En Suite Shower Rooms • Guest Cloakroom • Studio Reception Room • Kitchen Study Area • Utility Area

Unfurnished £2,950 Per Week



Farrier Walk, London SW10

An excellent three/four bedroom mews house located in a gated development just off the Fulham Road and benefiting from a private garage, roof terrace and porter.

3 Double Bedrooms • 2 Bathrooms • Shower Room • Reception Room • Dining Room • Study/4th Bedroom • Kitchen/Breakfast Room • Guest WC • Patio Garden • Roof Terrace • Garage • Porter Unfurnished £1,600 Per Week



Onslow Square, London SW7

An elegant, two/three bedroom maisonette in this popular South Kensington square.

Master Bedroom with En Suite Dressing Room & Bathroom Second Double Bedroom • Shower Room • Studio Style Drawing Room • Dining Hall • Study/Bedroom 3 • Kitchen • Utility Room Garden • Access To Communal Gardens

Furnished £2,600 Per Week



Oakley Street, London SW3

A light and neutral two double bedroom top floor apartment (with lift) in a period conversion just off the Kings Road.

2 Double Bedrooms • En Suite Bathroom • En Shower Room Reception Room • Kitchen/Breakfast Room • Lift

Unfurnished

£750 Per Week





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Agent speaks:

Louise Hewlett, managing director of Aylesford International

am sitting at my desk late into the evening revelling in the peace and quiet, my mind set on writing an uplifting Christmas report. It is quickly apparent, however, that despite my good intentions it is actually extremely difficult to write an uplifting and positive piece when for most of the London property market there is little to celebrate.

The last months have witnessed an unprecedented global financial meltdown starting with the collapse (and rescue) of Northern Rock, Lehman Brothers and latterly the stricken Icelandic Bank, Kaupthing. The crashing stockmarkets including some hedge funds, the highest rate of inflation for years, the large increase in the cost of fuel and grocery bills and now the Chancellor has confirmed the previously unspoken 'R' word and admitted what most of us already acknowledge, we are in a recession.

All very depressing and affects every home owner as these factors obviously have a direct relation to the current position of the property market.

Sales values have stumbled from the peak of 2007 across the board from small, one-bedroom apartments to the largest most valuable houses. Hedge-fund traders, financiers and the rich buyers from Russia, Europe and the Middle East have all taken a haircut by the turmoil in

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the financial markets and the effect is most apparent at the top of the market, where for the first time in history it is fair to say those closest to the top of the mountain have been hit the hardest.

If there is a positive side to current events then the shake-up has brought what most people acknowledge is a much needed reality check to the extremely high values which in all reality, could not be sustained. Like all cycles the dust (or rocks in this case) will settle and the silver lining is that there will be plenty of opportunities for all sectors of the market from the first-time buyer, (especially with the recent drop in interest rates) to the highest end of the residential home buyer and of course the investment developer.

I wish I had a crystal ball to predict exact timing for the confidence to return, however if one can go by talk from the City boys then further volatility is expected and it is unlikely we will witness any major return to normality and trading before spring 2009. If this sounds too negative and depressing then the positive side is we are still trading, in both flats and houses but only where the vendors are willing sellers and accept and understand that values are now, more than ever, determined by what someone is prepared to pay.

The other positive side to the coin is the exchange rate of dollar to the pound has dropped from a high of \$2.10 to the pound to today's rate of \$1.57 with predictions it could fall as low as \$1.45. This gives overseas investors based in dollar currency a huge advantage and shows approx 25 per cent reduction in the price of a London property before taking into consideration the fall in London property values – what could be a bigger incentive for the overseas market to re-invest in London.

My advice to vendors who want to sell is therefore to take stock of current market conditions and to acknowledge that there are plenty of purchasers able and willing to buy today but on prices which reflect the new economic climate. The buyers also need to appreciate that vendors will consider taking a haircut, however not necessarily a complete shave!

2009 can only bring new opportunity so I wish all involved in our property market a happy and prosperous New Year.

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CHEPSTOW VILLAS, WII

A beautifully presented and refurbished family apartment in this prime portered mansion block in the heart of Notting Hill. 5 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 2 receptions. **Unfurnished** £1,950 per week

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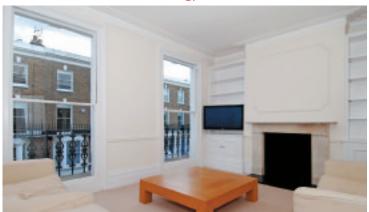


PRINCEDALE ROAD, WII

An architect designed house with wooden flooring throughout. The property also benefits from a roof terrace. 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 2 reception rooms.

Unfurnished £1,600 per week

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AIRLIE GARDENS, W8

An artistic apartment located in this Gothic Victorian building in central Kensington with access to lawned communal gardens. Bedroom, bathroom, 2 reception rooms. Furnished £550 per week

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BRECHIN PLACE, SW7

A newly refurbished family flat in the heart of South Kensington. The flat has been finished to an immaculate standard with high ceilings and a private garden. 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, reception room. Furnished/Unfurnished £1,750 per week

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PETERSHAM PLACE, SW7

A lovely refurbished house set in a mews just off Gloucester Road and moments from Hyde Park. 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, reception room. Furnished/Unfurnished £1,000 per week

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PHILBEACH GARDENS, SW5

Presented in excellent order, this flat has lots of storage space and is moments from Earls Court Underground station. 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, reception room.

Furnished/Unfurnished £525 per week

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LYALL MEWS, SWI

Superb house in a cobbled mews between Knightsbridge and Sloane Square with garage and roof terrace.

5 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 2 reception rooms.

Furnished £3,500 per week



EATON TERRACE, SWI

Newly refurbished corner house close to Sloane Square with wooden floors throughout.

4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, 3 reception rooms.

Unfurnished £2,750 per week



ALDERNEY STREET, SWI

Victorian terraced house in the Pimlico Grid beautifully refurbished throughout with garden and roof terrace.

4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 3 reception rooms.

Unfurnished £1,800 per week



GROSVENOR ROAD, SWI

Newly decorated lower ground floor flat in this period building close to the river. Bedroom, bathroom, reception room.

Furnished £320 per week

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CHRISTCHURCH STREET, SW3

A family house with an attractive living space and wood floors throughout. Double reception room, lower ground floor kitchen with eat-in area leading to a formal dining room.

 $\ \, 6\ bedrooms, 2\ bathrooms, 2\ shower\ rooms, study, cloakroom\ terrace, patio\ garden.$

Unfurnished £2,500 per week



CHELSEA PARK GARDENS, SW3

A Chelsea house with a double reception room with wooden floors leading to a pretty and secluded rear garden. 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, reception room, eat-in kitchen, utility area, cloakroom. **Unfurnished** £2,350 per week



ALDERNEY STREET, SWI

A refurbished family house offering great entertaining space. Ground floor kitchen/dining room with hard wood floors, separate conservatory area, utility room and cloakroom. 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 3 reception rooms. **Unfurnished** £1,300 per week







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TWICE AS NICE

This totally symmetrical flat on Courtfield Road, SW7, is a conversion of two lateral spaces to create one, 1,422sqft home. With two double bedrooms, two reception rooms, two kitchens and two bathrooms, there is a great sense of space in the interconnecting receptions, and full-height four-sash bay windows to each room.

Share of freehold, £1,495m WA Ellis 020 7306 1610

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GRAND PLANS

This three-storey house on Seymour Walk, a quiet no-through road in SW10, has been opened up to create a sociable, open-plan home. The ground floor reception is connected to the kitchen, with French windows onto the patio garden. Period features such as the impressive fireplaces in the reception and bedrooms have also been retained. Accommodation also includes three double bedrooms and two bathrooms £1,200 per week, unfurnished Humberts, 020 7225 0433



D&G: in-shop art launch

The first installation in Douglas & Gordon's Harrington Road shop provides snapshot of Kensington's history

As many property agents across the capital close their doors, their windows papered over, Douglas & Gordon has transformed a disused South Kensington office into a 'street gallery' with the first installation portraying the history of the area.

D&G has launched an initiative to support young talent by commissioning work directly relevant to the surrounding area. The first installation by Shaz Madani, a 24-year old graduate from The London College of Communication, provides a fresh interpretation of the famous blue plaques of The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea.

Shaz Madani says: "Given the blank canvas of a Douglas & Gordon shop window, I wanted to combine the area's history and its beautiful grand residences into an installation which the existing community could relate to. The result is a celebration of the famous residents of the borough of Kensington and Chelsea who have left their mark on the area and contributed to its rich heritage."

The details of almost 200

plaques were laser cut into large individual sheets of paper and then suspended from the ceiling and walls using fishing wire. This created an organic and dynamic structure across the three shop windows, depicting the pages of history being swept by the wind and giving energy and motion to the piece.

Ivor Dickinson, managing director at D&G, comments: "When we acquired the quirky, v-shaped office we thought it would make a perfect 'poster' site for Douglas & Gordon. We had no intention of opening a sales office but wanted to reflect the mood of the market by doing something unusual with the space. Madani's interpretation of Kensington's history is the first of many installations at the Harrington site to bring young talent into the public eye through producing and exhibiting their work."





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Cut Above the Rest **South Kensington**

A beautifully presented three bedroom duplex apartment on the top two floors (with lift) of this prestigious period building, set in the heart of Knightsbridge, close to the museums, shops and underground station of South Kensington. The property comprises two double bedrooms, single bedroom/study, two bathrooms (one en suite), double reception room, kitchen and guest cloakroom.

3 Bedrooms 2 Bathrooms Double reception room Lift

£1,300 per week Furnished/Unfurnished 020 7838 1888



Penthouse Paradise **South Kensington**

A spacious three bedroom penthouse with unrivalled views of London, in this exclusive concierge apartment building, ideally located for Gloucester Road underground station, restaurants and shops.

3 Bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, secure parking, concierge

£1,100 per week Unfurnished

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Luxurious Living **Knightsbridge**

A superbly refurbished five bedroom spacious home, ideally located in the heart of Knightsbridge, moments from the shops, amenities and South Kensington underground station.

5 Bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, 2 receptions, private garden

£2,950 per week Unfurnished

020 7590 9500







Abingdon Court, London W8

On the second floor of a sought after mansion block a stunning and imaginatively refurbished flat executed to the highest specification with a spacious south facing double reception room.

Abingdon Villas is a pretty tree lined street in the heart of Kensington a short walk to the underground station and the shops in Kensington High Street. There is easy access to the west, London Heathrow, the M4 and M40.

Property comprises of: entrance hall, double reception room, kitchen, master bedroom suite (double bedroom, shower room, dressing area), double bedroom, double bedroom/study, bathroom: balcony, lift, porter.

Leasehold / SOF Guide Price £2.500,000



Holland Park Road, London W8

Immaculately presented townhouse with integral garage plus off street parking and a mature 'easy care' south facing garden. The property is a short walk from High Street Kensington and close to Holland Park itself.

Property comprises of: kitchen/breakfast room opening onto south facing garden, double aspect reception room, 2 double bedrooms, bathroom, separate cloakroom, garden, integral garage and off-street parking.



Freehold Guide price £1,600,000

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Eaton Square

£2,500,000 Leasehold A recently refurbished ground and lower ground floor maisonette (approximately 2,045 square feet) on the preferred North side of Eaton square. This apartment benefits form excellent entertaining space and a private patio (not demised) as well as use of the gardens of Eaton Square.

Reception room\(\sigma\)Dining room\(\sigma\)Kitchen\(\summa\)Master bedroom with En - Suite\(\Bathroom\(\summa\)Second Bedroom with En - Suite\(\Bathroom\(\summa\)Third Bedroom / Study\(\summa\)Shower Room\(\summa\)Patio\(\summa\)Use of Square\(\Gamma\)Gardens\(\summa\)Porter



GEORGE TROLLOPE









Eaton Place

£2,250,000 Leasehold JSA Knight Frank : 020 7881 7720 A stunning South facing, first floor flat (approx 1, 501 square feet) with an exceptional drawing room with three floor to ceiling French doors leading onto a balcony. This apartment is immaculately presented and benefits from a separate self-contained flat on the half landing.

Reception Room Witchen Master Bedroom with En-suite Shower Room and Dressing Area Second Bedroom Bathroom Study/Third Bedroom Storage Area Self Contained Flat Balcony (not demised)

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Eaton Place, Belgravia | SW1X

Prime first floor lateral.

A stunning three bedroom lateral apartment set on the prime first floor of a pair of particularly imposing part-rusticated Grade II listed corner houses, dating from C.1830, located moments from Eaton Square.

This is a prime first floor lateral apartment offering high ceilings throughout together with other fine period features. There is a very interesting entrance hall and at the heart of the property is a large bright double reception room lit by three French windows with their original shutters, affording pleasant views into Eaton Square from the two stucco balconies with open balustrades. The reception room also has a fine fireplace. Access to the Eaton Square gardens is by separate arrangement. As this property is share of freehold, the price includes a 1/5th share in the caretaker's apartment.

Historical Note: The house across the road at 99 Eaton Place was the scene of Chopin's first concert in London, on 23 June 1848

Entrance Hall /Study • Reception Room • Dining Room/Media Room • Kitchen / Breakfast Room • Master Bedroom with dressing room and bathroom en suite 2nd bedroom • 3rd Bedroom • Further bathroom • Guest cloakroom • Two stucco balconies • Lift • Porter 173 m² / 1,862 ft²

Offers in excess of £4,000,000, Leasehold with share of Freehold,









Campden Hill Road | W8

A Kensington classic.

With accommodation arranged over four floors the property retains a wealth of period detail including some magnificent fireplaces and ornate plasterwork. One half of the double reception room is panelled, currently the library, with adjoining conservatory. Upstairs there is a study, 4 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms. Outside is a charming west facing family garden. There is separate Staff accommodation on the garden floor, which also has its own staff entrance.

The property has been refurbished throughout by its present owner to offer flexible family living space. Campden Hill Road is a prestigious address on the edge of the Phillimore Estate and is well located with regard to the excellent facilities of Kensington High Street, Holland Park and Notting Hill Gate.

4 Receptions • 4 Bedrooms • 3 Bathrooms • 2 Kitchens • Fine fireplaces and plasterwork • Panelled library Study • Conservatory • West facing garden • Staff entrance • Staff flat

279 m² / 3.007 ft²

Available to let at $m{\pm 3,200}$ per week Available to buy at $m{\pm 3,500,000}$ Freehold









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WOODLAWN ROAD, SW6

A well presented two double bedroom flat arranged over the top two floors of this Victorian property benefiting from a west facing roof terrace. No onward chain.

*Two Double Bedrooms *Bathroom *Shower Room *Reception Room *Kitchen *West Facing Garden.

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£459,999

£1.250.000

£425,000



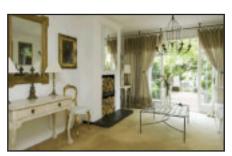
INGLETHORPE STREET, SW6

An exceptionally well presented and spacious flat arranged over two floors located on the popular Bishops Park Estate.

*Three Bedrooms *Two Bathrooms (One En-Suite) *Reception Room *Kitchen/Dining Area

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020 7610 9902



HURLINGHAM SQUARE, PETERBOROUGH ROAD, SW6

A well presented house in this sought after gated development close to Hurlingham Park.

*Four Double Bedrooms *Two Bathrooms (One En-Suite) *En-Suite Shower Room *Cloakroom *Double Reception Room *Kitchen *Large Attic with Ample Storage *Decked Garden *Off Street Parking

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WALDEMAR AVENUE, SW6

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A spacious beautifully presented recently extended Victorian terrace house benefiting from a large 45' south facing garden.

*Four Bedrooms *Two Bathrooms (One En-Suite), *En-Suite Shower Room *Double Reception Room *Kitchen/Dining Room *Balcony *Cellar *45' South Facing Garden



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WALDEMAR AVENUE, SW6

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*Five Bedrooms *Two Bathrooms *Cloakroom *Two Reception Rooms *Kitchen/Breakfast/Dining Room *Utility Room *Roof Terrace *West Facing Garden *Off Street Parking For Two Cars



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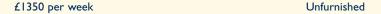
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EATON PLACE, SWIX

This fabulous, extremely spacious two double bedroom flat is on the second and third floor (with lift) in an elegant and well run building. It has been decorated in a neutral, contemporary style with two good sized reception rooms, two bathrooms, dining room and a fully fitted kitchen.





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Fabulous wider than average five/six bedroom family house situated in this popular location with direct access to the large communal gardens. The house has wonderful entertaining rooms with a good size double reception and a large kitchen/dining/family room. To the rear of the house is a south facing garden which leads directly onto the communal gardens. The property has two/three off street parking spaces.

£4500 per week Furn/Unfurn/Part



FLOOD STREET, SW3

Superb two bedroom maisonette which has been newly refurbished, interior designed and presented in immaculate condition. The house is beautifully decorated in neutral colours and has wood floors throughout the reception areas. There are two bedrooms, one with an en-suite bathroom and an excellent separate dressing room. An underground cellar provides a large storage area.

£775 per week Furnished



LYALL MEWS WEST, SWIX

This superb Belgravia house has been totally refurbished throughout to create a stylish home in a quiet mews with parking. The house is beautifully decorated in neutral colours and has wood floors throughout the ground floor. There are two bedrooms, one with an en-suite bathroom and an excellent separate dressing room. An underground cellar provides a large storage area.

£1350 per week Furnished/Unfurnished



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Meticulously restored

Campden Grove W8 £3,450,000

A magnificent apartment boasting stunning lateral space, meticulously restored by interior designers to include air conditioning and underfloor heating throughout. This substantial property comprises a wonderful reception room boasting superb natural light and a stunning semi open plan kitchen, ideal for entertaining. The bedroom accommodation includes four good sized bedrooms and three bathrooms whilst the south facing roof terrace provides extensive views. The property also features a fully integrated state of the art audio-visual system including High Definition TV, satellite, IT network, video entry phone, Banham alarm and pre-programmed Lutron lighting all managed by a fully automated Creation Home Network. Share of Freehold.

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An exceptional family house

Gowan Avenue SW6 £1,195,000

A beautiful family house situated on an attractive residential street just off the Fulham Road. This exceptional property is presented in superb condition providing an entrance hall, a glorious reception room, cellar and a fully fitted kitchen leading out to a bright, south facing garden. The bedroom accommodation includes six double bedrooms, a large family bathroom, shower room, two additional WC's and superb storage throughout. Gowan Avenue is a short walk from the open spaces and transports links of Parsons Green (district line). Freehold **Sole Agents**.

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Classic Chelsea

Sloane Gardens SW1 £1,200,000

A stunning apartment situated within a handsome red brick building close to the amenities and international boutiques on Sloane Square and the King's Road. The accomodation has been recently updated with neutral colours throughout and provides a spacious reception room with an area for dining and wooden floors, a separate kitchen, two double bedrooms and two limestone and marble finished bathrooms. This period building also features superb communal gardens. Share of Freehold. **Sole Agents**.

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A sought after Holland Park enclave

Woodsford Square W14 £1,945,000

A well presented townhouse situated in this sought after Holland Park enclave refurbished to the highest of standards. The accommodation comprises an entrance hall on the ground floor leading through to an L-shaped reception room and out to the garden, a separate WC and access to the garage. The first floor provides a spacious double reception room with an eat-in kitchen also providing stairs down to the garden. The bedroom accommodation is arranged over the top two floors and offers a fantastic en suite master bedroom, four further bedrooms and a bathroom. Freehold. **Sole Agents.**

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A wonderful Victorian house

Westmoreland Terrace SW1 £2,000,000

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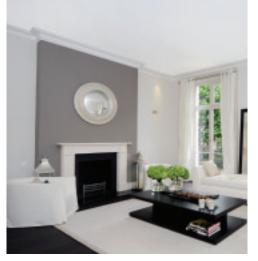
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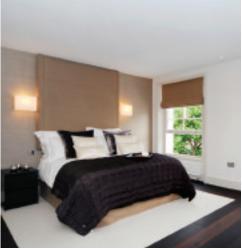


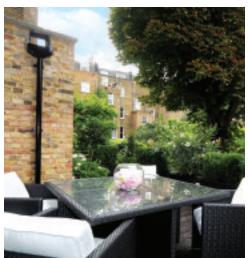
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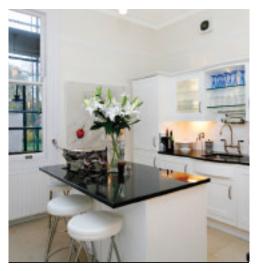
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£850,000 Freehold

Bronsart Road SW6

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£750,000 Share of Freehold

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A period terrace house which has been refurbished to the highest standard with hardwood flooring throughout, a private garden and two roof terraces.

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£1795 per week Unfurnished

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£560 per week Unfurnished

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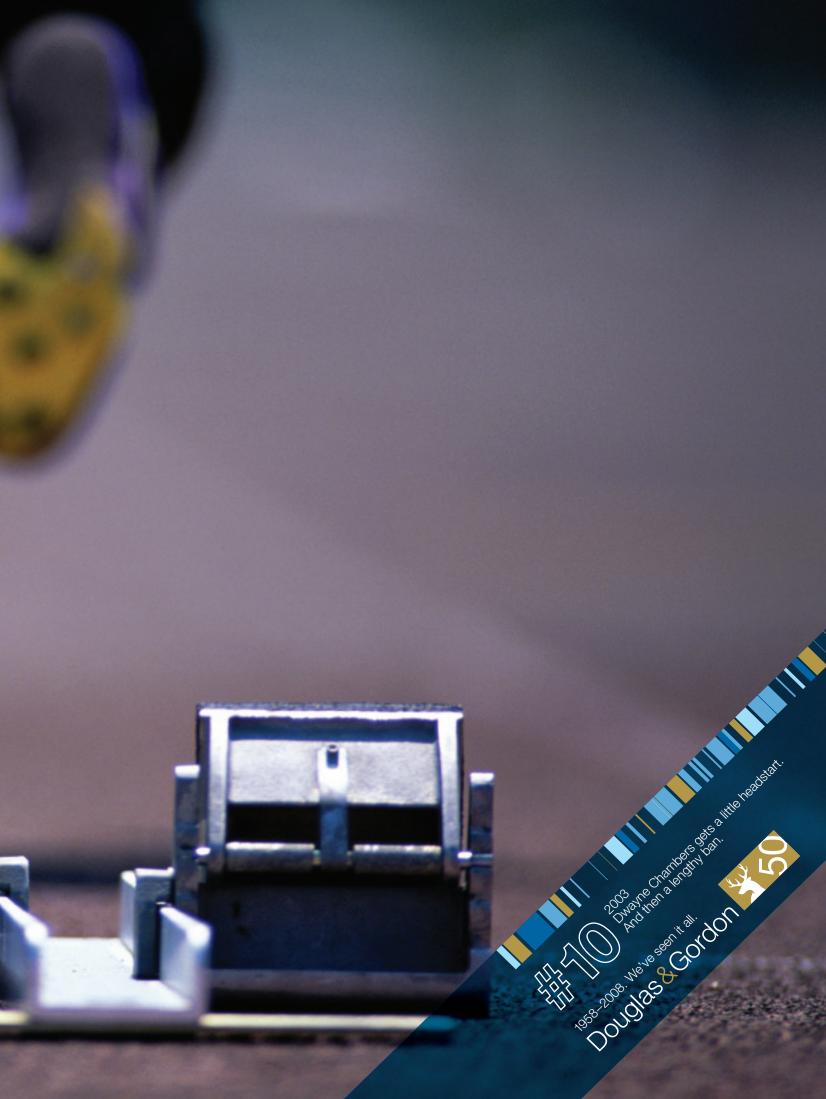
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